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THREE WARS. FIGHTING ON EAST & WEST. MYSTERY OF SHANTUNG.

WAGING A BATTLE ON COMMUNIQUE AND MANIFESTOES.

A HALF-HEARTED ENCOUNTER.

NEW NANKING CLAIM.

Three campaigns are being waged in China to-day and in each case the opposing sides are in almost the same parallels of latitude, so that the fighting (or what there is of it) is between armies in the east and in the west.

By a coincidence the party trying to advance in each war is on the east, the offensive being directed against the west. Either by accident or design, the spheres of hostilities are—literally and not geographically—one on top of the other, as though a corridor had been carved out between two meridians for the armies to clash in.

ANKING CAPTURED.

The first war—by which is meant the one longest in existence—is in about Lat. 33 North, where the Fengtien Party (east) is trying to drive back the Shansi army (west).

What might be called a branch sector of this campaign is a little further north, in Lat. 40 North, where the Fengtien Party is also trying to advance (by way of Kalgan) against Shansi province.

Incidental to this struggle between Fengtien and Shansi, a war of communiques and manifestoes is being conducted half-heartedly in Lat. 35 North, along the Lung-Hai Railway which intersects the Peking-Hankow Railway south of the Yellow River.

Poignant Illustration.

Here the Shantung army (which co-operates with Fengtien) is not actually taking orders from Peking) is being boosted as marching from the east, while the army of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang who is best known as the "Christian general."

That the situation is absolutely in mystery can best be illustrated by the following:

Supposing the City Hall were at war with Happy Valley. The City Hall army claims to have advanced down to the Monument; and the Happy Valley army claims to have marched along the same road and reached the main gate of the Naval Yard.

NOT LIKELY.

Shantung and Kuominchun Battles.

Our experience of previous supporting campaigns by General Chang Tsung-chang of Shantung (writes a political correspondent) is that his efforts are inevitably half-hearted and tinged with utmost caution.

With Shansi not yet accounted for, it is difficult to realise how the Shantung army will venture far into Honan—as suggested in some of the Chinese cables—where it may be at any time faced with a pincers movement by the anti-Peking forces.

Outpost Skirmishes.

On the other hand, reports that the Kuominchun has entered Shantung must also be discredited.

Putting the war at its highest, there can only have been outpost skirmishes between the Kuominchun outposts and the more daring of the Shantung vanguard, with the Kuominchun falling back judiciously.

Chochoo "Captured."

Peking, Yesterday. Chochoo is again officially reported to have been captured. The city which was captured early in the campaign has been officially reported captured twice previously, but the besieged troops stubbornly held out against a severe artillery bombardment. On one occasion the capture of two of the city gates by the Fengtien troops led to reports of the city's fall but the Shansi raiders held out.

Severe Bombardment.

It is now claimed that after a severe bombardment the besieged capitulated this morning, and that

the Fengtien troops are entering to disarm them.

The Ministry of Military Affairs announces that Fengtien troops have captured Chaikowpu where the first shots of the present war were fired.—Reuter.

[Note: Chochoo is on the Peking-Hankow Railway, 40 miles south-west of Peking. Chaikowpu is on the Peking-Suiyuan Railway, west of Kalgan.]

108 MILES GAIN.

Nanking's Advance Against Hankow.

The third campaign is along the Yangtze River, between the Nanking and Hankow Governments, both of which claim to be full-blooded Nationalists.

Hostilities in this zone, about Lat. 31 North, are being conducted by Nanking armies, westwards, up the Yangtze against territory held by Hankow.

The "corridor" referred to in the introduction is between Lon. 114 and 118 East.

Significant Capture. A claim has been made that Nanking has captured Anking from the Hankow men.

Anking is 163 miles above Nanking and Hankow is 231 miles further up.

The capture of Anking is significant in that it lies on the north bank of the River, indicating that the Nanking army has crossed from the south bank. It is the capital of Anhui province.

The first shots in this war between the Nationalists were fired near Wuhu which is only 65 miles above Nanking.

From Wuhu to Anking is 108 miles.

Not By Victories. This distance represents the extent of Nanking's gains so far, gains not so much by victories, but because the Hankow troops between Wuhu, Tating and Anking have been ordered to retire westwards to be closer to Hankow.

Military observers predict that General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow will not order a stand until his exposed units have got back to west of (behind) Poyang Lake, above Kiukiang (which is 89 miles from Anking).

The "Kung Sheng-Yat Po" reports the concentration of three Hankow armies at Wusueh, a little above Kiukiang.

Nationalist Defeat. Foreign messages from Nanking state that General Cheng Chien's 13th Nationalist (Nanking) Army was severely defeated with heavy losses when endeavouring to cut off General Liu Hsiang's Hankow troops from Tating.—Reuter.

A NEW PLANE. New York, Yesterday. The Curtiss Aeroplane Company is devoting \$75,000 for the construction of one revolutionary design which has undergone wind and tunnel tests and demonstrated its ability to rise 1,800 feet per second, having a forward speed of 50 to 70 miles an hour.—Reuter's American Service.

WALKS OUT.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin's Action At Magistracy.

A FORGERY CHARGE.

Barrister Has No Evidence Against Comrade.

Fung Hing-tung the assistant comrade of the Netherlands India Bank who was charged with the forgery of a cheque for \$50,000 drawn on the Yokohama Specie Bank was again before Mr. E. C. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. F. C. Jenkin who appeared for the prosecution told his Worship that he had no evidence to offer against the accused.

The Magistrate inquired if the accused, said that in view of the information had been sworn against the accused on insufficient grounds, and Mr. Jenkin said that he was not in a position to inform the Magistrate on that point.

"Great Cruelty."

Mr. M. K. Ko, who appeared for the accused, said that in view of the fact that the accused had been the victim of great cruelty in that he had to go through the ordeal of facing such a terrible charge, it was only due to the accused that he (Mr. Ko) should give his Worship a short outline of the accused's career.

The accused, Mr. Lo said, had been a trusted assistant of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for seven years even before 1893 and had been in honourable employment in the Colony for a good many years. Amongst the accused's cherished possessions was a photograph in which he appeared with the then manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. It was taken at a fifth party and showed that as far back as 1893 the accused had been looked upon as a trusted employee.

His Career.

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said that in 1893 the accused went to Kobe and entered the employ of Messrs. Fraser and Company, who were then agents of the C.P.R., and a bank remaining with that firm until 1903, when he took a post as Chinese agent of the Asiatic Steamship Company. In 1905 the Kobe office of this company was closed and the ships were handled by the Pacific Mail S.S. Company, and the accused transferred his services to the new company in the same capacity. In 1915 the Pacific Mail went out of business and the accused was for a while without employment, but it reopened in 1916 and he again joined them.

In 1917 the accused came back to Hong Kong, and as he was then an aging man, Mr. Lo believed the accused was over 60 years of age, and knowing that he was a trustworthy man, his friends decided to find him a position which, while a responsible one, did not entail strenuous work on his part.

He was accordingly appointed as accountant of the Kwong Yee firm which was owned by the brother of a partner of the Ming Fat Hong which figured in the case before the Court. He stayed with them from 1917 to 1924 when the accused joined the newly opened Asia Banking Corporation as head clerk, and when that bank closed down, the accused went to his present position with the Netherlands India Bank.

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CALLOUS PIRATES.

SCUTTLE A CAPTURED JUNK.

SURVIVORS IN HONG KONG.

The s.s. "Soliven" brought to Hong Kong this morning nine survivors from a pirated and scuttled junk.

It appears that the men were picked up by the "Soliven" on the 14th inst. as the ship was leaving Hong Kong for Saigon, the actual position being forty miles south-west of Gap Rock. As the junk was on its way to Hong Kong from Swatow at the time it was pirated and sunk the survivors were made comfortable aboard and taken on to Saigon with the "Soliven" which brought them back to Hong Kong on the return voyage.

Details of the actual piracy or of the extent of the loot taken by the pirates who scuttled the junk on leaving, are at present lacking.

WILL THEY FIGHT?

Canton Move Against Hankow.

WANG CHING-WEI.

What Will Be His Mission in Canton?

While some of the units ordered to mobilise against Hankow have actually moved out of Canton towards the concentration point, other detachments continue to reach the city from provincial districts.

Well informed circles adhere to the opinion that the highest Canton officials are still against the entanglement by war with one faction or alliance with another.

The multitudinous troop movements being carried out at present is believed to be due, rather, to changes brought about by politico-domestic necessity.

"Papersides" Activities. One result of this decision to shift garrisons about is that the 5th Army under General Li Fook-lum (also known as the "Papersides") may have to give up tenancy of Honam which it has held so long.

Units of the 5th Army have crossed the Pearl River to Canton and embarked by train for Shikwan, the base of the proposed expedition against Hunan province, which is part of General Tang Seng-chi's domains. Without cavil, it can be said that these men are only fitted for police work in the rear of an army and raids on bandits. It has just been announced that nine notorious bandits have been shot by the 5th Army.

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SATURDAY, 29th October,

at 9.15 p.m.

at

THE THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

15 Round Contest for the Light-

weight Championship of

the Colony.

STOKER PERCY LAKE

H.M.S. "Durban"

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E. A. LEGGATT,

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Hong Kong, 27th October, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 27th October, 1927.

LOCAL RACING.**ENTRIES FOR 7TH EXTRA**

MEETING.

ON SATURDAY WEEK.

Following are the entries for the
seventh extra Race Meeting on
November 5, 1927:—

1.—Shaukiwan Stakes—5 Furlongs.

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's Saligia,

13.1.

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The

Goblin, 13.2.

Mr. R. M. Austin's District Call,

13.2.

Mr. L. Dunbar's San Francisco

Bay, 13.2.

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Teze

Lon, 13.1.

Mr. Ho Kom Tong's City Hall,

13.2.

Mr. Ho Kom Tong's Town Hall,

13.2.

Mr. Liang Hau Yuen's Little Sit

Tang, 13.1.

Mr. F. Usher's Warrington, 13.2.

Mr. F. A. Pollock's Alhambra, 13.1.

Mrs. Priestley's Grande del

Norte, 13.2.

Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Total

Abstinance, 13.2.

Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Loch

Tunnel, 13.0.

Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Tangle,

13.1.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's The Regent,

13.2.

Mr. R. J. Paterson's September,

12.3.

2.—Shek O Handicap "C" Class—

6 Furlongs.

Bright Eve 165

Mowgli 165

Barley Grass 162

Wild Hawk 158

District Call 157

Scotter 154

Loch Rannoch 154

Easter Day 152

Circe 150

Fire Call 150

Valour 149

Sugar Loaf 145

Arabian Parrot 145

Salvo 142

Perversity 140

Yorks 138

3.—Shek O Handicap "B" Class—

6 Furlongs.

Dobbin 165

Skidoo 165

The Regent 162

Little Sit Tang 161

Pottenbush 160

Hamdinger 158

Limestone Hall 156

Grey Knight 155

Bing Boy 155

Loongwa 152

Tangle 152

The Gnome 152

Tuning Fork 150

Dick-Lo 149

Funchal 144

Fervive Eve 155

4.—Autumn Stakes—1/4 Miles.

Messrs. Stanton & Reid's San

Diego, 13.2.

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The

Goblin, 13.2.

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The

Gomeril, 13.2.

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Mrs. R. M. Austin's Pottenbush,

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Mr. Ho Kom Tong's Castle Hall

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Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele,

13.1.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's August,

13.1.

5.—Shek O Handicap "A" Class—

6 Furlongs.

City Hall 178

Town Hall 168

San Francisco Bay 168

San Diego 165

Shanghai Friend 162

Castle Hall (late Missis-

siippi, late Doonfield) 162

NOTICES.**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.****NOTICE.**

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL
MEETING of Members will
be held in the Jockey Club Room,
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MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd November.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 21st December.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
HONGKONG MARU	Friday, 28th October.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
BOUYO MARU	Wednesday, 18th November.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.	
WAKASA MARU	Saturday, 19th November.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	
ATAGO MARU	Friday, 4th November.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Port.	
TOYOOKA MARU	Friday, 11th November.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.	
OSAKA MARU	Sunday, 30th October.
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TANGO MARU	Friday, 18th November.
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ARRIVAL AT TANDJONG PRIOK.

The Java correspondent of the "Straits Times" writes on October 14:—
The steamer "Op Ten Noort" has arrived at Tandjong Priok from Holland and gone into dry dock. After being overhauled the new boat will make a tourist cruise to Siam, Cochinchina, the Philippines and through the East Indian archipelago. The cruise commences on November 3, and will last for 31 days. The "Op Ten Noort" is due at Singapore at 10 a.m. on November 11 and will depart at 5 p.m. on the same day.

Three days will be spent at Bangkok and at Saigon and four days at Manila. From each port carefully planned motor trips will be made to the principal places of interest. In the archipelago visits will be paid to North Celebes, the island of Ternate, the Banda Islands, and Amboina. Three days will be given to cruising along the Lesser Sunda Islands and at Bali an overland trip is arranged from Padang to Boeleling at which port tourists will re-embark for Sourabaya and Batavia. At Banda there is to be a festive welcome by native war canoes; at Amboina war dances and Menari dances; in Bali a theatrical show and native dancing.

On completion of this tour the "Op Ten Noort" will replace the "Melchior Treub" on the Singapore run, the latter steamer going on the Macassar service.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Si-kian" are advised to send in their claims to the Agent before October 31.
Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Singapore" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after October 31.
Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Africa" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after October 31.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Sphinx" are reminded to send in their claims before November 2.
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HISTORIC SHIPS.

NOTES ON THE "GOTH" AND "GUELPH."

Recent notes covering two Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's steamers, originally Union liners, which have just gone to the scrapers, have produced a request to give the history of the other two ships of the series, the "Goth" and "Guelph," says the "Journal of Commerce." The remarks made concerning the design of the two last remaining ships of the type apply to these as well: they were twin-screw steamers of 4,700 odd tons, with a speed of 12 knots, specially designed to give comfort and facility in the various African ports, some of which were exceedingly awkward for sizable ships.

The "Goth" was launched by Messrs. Harland and Wolff in 1893, the second of the series, settled down to be a thoroughly lucky and successful ship, only being taken off the service in 1899 to act as transport in the South African war. On her first voyage she put into St. Vincent and took on board, in addition to her own big consignment of men and horses, those which had embarked in the "Persia," which had met with a slight mishap. In 1911 the "Goth" was put on the East African service by way of Suez, which her sister, the "Guelph," had inaugurated in the previous year, and in 1913 she was transferred to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the express purpose of inaugurating the new service between Canada and the West Indies. For this she was renamed "Coburg."

The "Guelph" was launched in the following year, and was rather a bigger ship, nearly 5,000 tons. She was a particularly good steamer, being always game for her 13 knots, in spite of the fact that she was only designed for 12. Under Captain J. Morton she made a great name for herself and, like her sister, was taken up for troop transport during the Boer War. In September, 1910, she inaugurated the East African service, being transferred to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and renamed "Caracquet" in 1913. She ran regularly on the Service between the West Indies and Canada until 1917 when the Government requisitioned her.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Jeyapore" left Singapore for this port on October 24 at 4 p.m. with the outward mails, and is due here on October 31 at about 8 a.m.

The Dollar Line s.s. "President McKinley" sails for Seattle on November 2 at 1 a.m.

The s.s. "Porthos" is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on November 9.

The M.V. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 30, and is due here on or about November 8.

The s.s. "Venezia" (D. & Co.) sailed from Port Said on October 3, and is due here on November 10.

The s.s. "Lancaster Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on September 22, and is expected here on November 15.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on November 1. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on November 2.

The s.s. "Calicut" (D. & Co.) is due to sail from Sydney on November 10 for Samarai Rabaul and Manila, and is expected to arrive here on December 4.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in harbour this morning:—North Wall Basin, Tarantula and Somme; South Wall Basin, Thracian and Sepoy; East Wall Basin, Subs. L15, L19, L20 and L33; North Arm, Dragon; West Wall Dock, H.S. Maine; In Dock, Durban; Talkoo Dock, Peterel and Tern; Buoy 2, Danae; Buoy 3, Stormcloud; Buoy 6, Frobiisher; Buoy 7, Delhi; Buoy 8, Ambrose and Subs.; Buoy 12, Bluebell; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 19, Emerald; Buoy 23, Fortol; Buoy 25, Khark and Seraph; Buoy 26, Sirdar. Other foreign warships, U.S.S. torpedo-boat destroyers, McCormick, McLeish, Bulmer, Parrott and Edsall and the French gunboat "Argus."

Shipping Abstract.

Ship	Arrivals	Departures	In
British	7	4	27
Japanese	5	2	8
Norwegian	3	1	5
Chinese	3	3	12
Dutch	1	3	4
French	2	2	1
American	0	0	1
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	3
Danish	0	0	1
	21	15	68



LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Kwong Sang (1,428) British, from Shanghai, Swatow, Jardine's:—5 passengers, 260 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 192 tons general (through).

Szechuen (1,594) British, from Shanghai, Swatow, B. & S.:—178 passengers, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 150 tons general (through).

Pheumpanh (1,065) British, from Whampoa, Wo Fat Sing.

Chenaa (1,355) British, from B. & S.:—3 passengers, 420 tons general cargo (through).

Kashmir (5,554) British, from Yokohama, Shanghai, Mackinnon, Mackenzie:—199 passengers, 3 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,019 tons general (through).

Mongolia (10,338) British, from London, Singapore, Mackinnon, Mackenzie:—225 passengers, 966 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,560 tons general (through).

Anhui (2,080) British, from Singapore, B. & S.:—4 passengers, 400 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

D'Artagnan (9,527) French, from Shanghai, M. M.:—296 passengers, 17 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 556 tons general (through).

Song Bo (720) French, from Haiphong, Hoilow, M. M.:—102 passengers, 800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tjikarang (6,064) Dutch, from Sourabaya, J. C. J. L.:—629 passengers, 813 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 9,378 tons general (through).

Corona (1,953) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao, Dodwell & Co.:—4 passengers, 1,555 tons coal for Hong Kong, 3,000 tons coal (through).

Hiram (1,109) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow, Thoresen & Co.:—9 passengers, 1,200 tons rice for Hong Kong, 700 tons rice (through).

Solviken (1,435) Norwegian, from Saigon, Pau Yuen Hong:—128 passengers, 2,740 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Meiko Maru (2,758) Japanese, from Bangkok, O. S. K.:—4,716 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Rangoon Maru (3,638) Japanese, from Shanghai, N. Y. K.:—563 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,929 tons general (through).

Sungshan Maru (1,508) Japanese, from Shanghai, Swatow, N. Y. K.:—356 passengers, 69 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Kojun Maru (1,806) Japanese, from Dairen, Tsingtao, M. B. K.:—2,800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Ryngo Maru (1,981) Japanese, from Dairen, M. B. K.:—1,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 245 tons general (through).

Ting Lee (1,280) Chinese, from Chefoo, Yee Tai Hong:—1,600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,000 tons general (through).

Foo Lee (859) Chinese, from Dairen, Shun Tai Hong:—350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,300 tons general (through).

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Antoon, Fook Hoi S.S. Co.:—115 passengers, 18 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For K. C. Wan:—Taizima.
For Canton:—Sungshan Maru, Foo Lee, R. Poincare, Szechuen.
For Singapore:—Panama Maru, Cremer.

For Saigon:—Dourbon.
For Shanghai:—Chenan, Glen-shell.

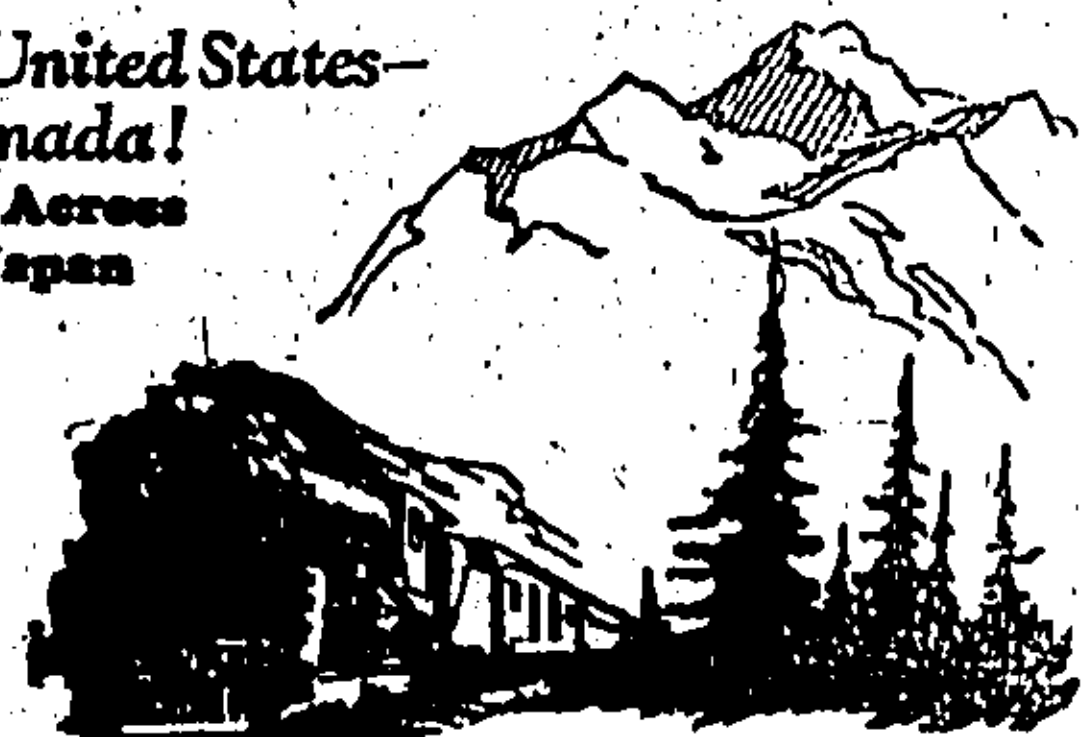
For Antau:—Tak Hing.
For Swatow:—Sandviken, Hydrangea.
For Batavia:—Tjikina.
For Amoy:—Tjikarang.

Clearances.

For Wushek:—Pheumpanh.
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For K. C. Wan:—Sun Kong.
For Singapore:—Rangoon Maru.
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LA PLATA MARU	Tuesday, 1st November.
SANTOS MARU	Friday, 2nd December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
HONOLULU MARU (Calls at Kaiti)	Friday, 4th November.
CELEBES MARU	Saturday, 19th November.
SHINNOH MARU	Tuesday, 22nd November.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
PANAMA MARU	Friday, 28th October.
CANADA MARU	Thursday, 1st December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	
TACOMA MARU	Friday, 25th November.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.	
PARIS MARU (from Shanghai)	Friday, 11th November.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.	
TAIKWA MARU	Tuesday, 8th November, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
JAPAN PORTS	
ATAI MARU	Saturday, 12th November.
INDUS MARU	Wednesday, 16th November.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	
KAIJO MARU	Sunday, 30th October, 11 a.m.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 6th November, 11 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELI MARU	Thursday, 3rd November, 10 a.m.
TAKAO—Direct.	
GANGES MARU	Saturday, 26th November.
DAIREN VIA TAKAO.	
BUSHO MARU	Beginning of November.

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KHIVA	9,135	17th Dec.	Straits & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,953	7th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,985	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Tian via Swatow & Shanghai	KWANGSANG	Wed., 14th Nov., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, LAISANG	LAISANG	Tues., 22nd Nov., at 7 a.m.
Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues., 22nd Nov., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Sat., 29th Oct., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Fri., 4th Nov., at 5 p.m.
Canton	KWONGSANG	Satur., 29th Oct., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Thurs., 10th Nov., at 3 p.m.
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by strong winds which mercilessly
tossed it and blew away one of its
lifeboats.

At about 8.30 a.m. on October 10,
the towing posts of the vessel gave
way and the lighter "Lapu-lapu"
was left adrift. The boat suffered
considerable damage. Its sailing
was washed off together with the
convey board, the stanchion, and
other parts which allowed the water
to enter the engine room. The
crew used pillows and blankets to
stuff the opening through which
the water entered and saved the
boat from going into the bottom of
the sea.

LAMP-POSTS.

London lamp-posts afford an
interesting study to people who stop
to look at them. Most of us do
not. In my walks lately, however,
I have been struck by their endless
variety (remarks a "Daily
Chronicle" writer).

Some lamp-posts are plain, some
fluted, some with quite ornate em-
bellishments, and the colours are
equally varied and often distinctive
of districts. There are many
special points.

Those on the Embankment have

encircling dolphins, St. Martin's

parish lamp-posts bear a little re-
flect illustrating the legend of St.

Martin bestowing his cloak on the

beggar, and many have the arms

of their particular boroughs—
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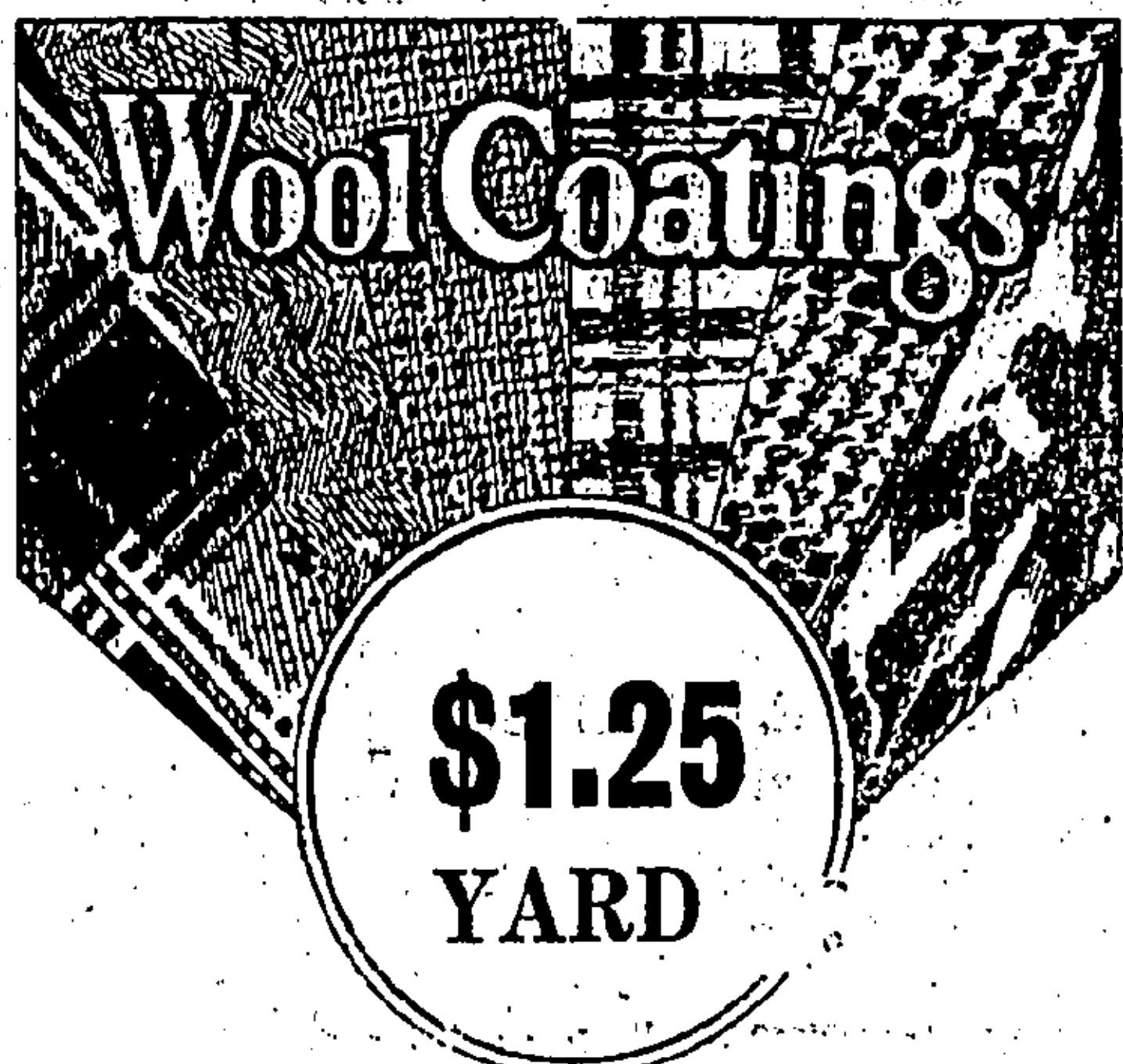
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A PORT IN DANGER.

Commercial interests in the northern port of Tientsin are faced with difficulties which at present are insurmountable. We do not refer to the threat to surrender the British Concession to the Chinese which is hanging over their heads, but to the condition of the Haiho River, which runs from the sea at Tangku to and beyond Tientsin Bund. This has become so silted, owing to the large amount of loose soil brought down by larger rivers from the interior, that there is not sufficient water to enable the ordinary coaster steamers to get to Tientsin. In consequence, cargo has to be lightered at Tangku and taken to the port either by rail, which is very expensive, or by junk, which also is expensive. Passengers, too, of course, have to disembark at Tangku and proceed by train. This is by no means the first occasion on which Tientsin has suffered on this account, nor is it likely to be the last. Before river conditions reach the normal, which may be taken to be about sixteen feet of water, more water must be brought down to clear away the silt. There is no saying, however, when the silting-up process may recommence.

Various proposals have been advanced as remedies, and one of the most feasible seems to be that which was outlined by Mr. Van der Veen, Adviser to the Ministry of the Interior, and a member of the Chihli River Commission. He points out that this little river, the Haiho, so important to the well-being of Tientsin as a port and commercial centre,

is practically the only outlet of the various rivers which drain that part of China, covering an area of approximately 90,000 square miles of which 60,000 square miles are mountainous. One of the principal rivers that empties itself into the Haiho, and the one which brings down most of the silt, is the Yungtingho. Mr. Van der Veen's project amounts to diverting this river above Tientsin and giving it a new outlet into the sea at a point on the coast where the silt would not in any way pile up near or at the Bar at Taku. The scheme, according to this expert, would cost around sixteen million dollars. But the question arises, who would pay for it?

At the meeting at which the above proposition was expounded it was agreed that there was not much likelihood of the Central Government or the Chinese Provincial authorities finding the wherewithal, and in the course of discussion a suggestion was made that the people of Tientsin themselves, the trading and manufacturing interests, should consider the feasibility of providing the sum. The necessity for remedial steps being taken as early as possible is admitted on all sides. Shipping is the life blood of Tientsin and, as things are, there simply is not any shipping. But—and this is the point of the matter—is the commercial community of the port, which will soon cease to be a port unless the Haiho rises, likely to consider the spending of anything like sixteen million dollars in view of the uncertainty of their tenure there? The secret agreement for the "rendition" of the British Concession negotiated between a party of miscellaneous Chinese on the one part, and Sir James Jamieson, Col. P. C. Young and Mr. P. H. B. Kent on the other, is still in existence, and although nothing is supposed to be known about its terms, it has been publicly asserted to have received the approval of Peking diplomatic circles. With the terrible example of the Hankow surrender and the Nan-king rape before them, British interests in Tientsin are not, at present, we trust, willing to commit themselves to the expenditure of a huge sum of money for the improvement of a piece of land from which they may be kicked at any moment.

An entertainment under the auspices of the H.K.W.L. and M.C.L. will be held at Government House on Thursday next, November 2. Tickets, one dollar each, may be obtained from Messrs. Anderson's and Montie's.

INDIAN GUARDS.

REGISTRATION OF WATCHMEN ENFORCED.

SHIPS GUARDS CONTROL.

In moving at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen, the Attorney-General, Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., said that ten years ago the Captain Superintendent of Police inaugurated a system of supplying watchmen to private employers. The scheme started from small beginnings, with some twenty men and had increased so that at the present time over six hundred watchmen were employed.

It was true that some of this number were employed as ships guards and that the compulsory carrying of these guards would soon cease but some at any rate would probably be kept on.

The growth of the scheme at any rate had shown that it fulfilled a need and that it was useful to employers of labour. It had grown to such dimensions that it now seemed desirable to regulate it by Statute. The present Bill and the regulations proposed to be made under it were intended on the whole to embody the existing practice but there were certain important exceptions to that statement.

In the first place, when the Bill became law, the employment of un-registered persons as watchmen would be prohibited. There was one exception to that statement, namely that the prohibition would not apply to watchmen of Chinese race but to any other race than Chinese.

With regard to the employment of watchmen as ships' guards, these would also have to be registered and it would be an offence to employ any ships guard unless he were registered. The control of the Police over ships guards would be quite different from that over other watchmen. Speaking generally, once a ships guard was employed he would be entirely under the control of the ship owner who employed him and the police would have no control over his actions on board the ship on which he was employed. This would remove what was at present one of the chief objections to the present regulations.

The Bill also provided, said the Attorney-General, in conclusion, for regulating against watchmen acting as money-lenders and against watchmen undertaking duties from two employers.

Other New Bills.

Other new Bills were introduced by the Attorney-General:

Moving the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the English Assis- tancy of the Jesuit Order, Sir Joseph said that the English Assis- tancy of the Jesuit Order proposed to build a hostel to be attached to the University of Hong Kong. To assist in that enterprise, the University had agreed to grant a sub- lease to the Jesuit Order of a por- tion of the site belonging to the University at Five Point Battery. In order to secure the advantages of perpetual succession it was neces- sary for the Procurator of the English Assis- tancy of the Jesuit Order in Hong Kong to be made a corporation sole and the Bill was intended to effect this object.

The Bill was read a first time.

Loan and Stock Ordinance. In moving the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913, Sir Joseph said that the proposed amendment was intended to make it possible to discontinue contributions to the sinking fund of any loan issued under that Ordinance when the sinking fund had become potentially full, i.e. when it was quite clear that the fund without any further contributions would be sufficient to pay for the loan at the proper time. Obviously, it was unnecessary to go on contributing to the sinking fund in these circumstances and it might sometimes be financially un- favourable to do so. In other cases it might be advisable to continue contributions in order to pay off the loan at as early a period as possible. Discretion was therefore given to the Governor by this amendment Bill to discontinue such contribu- tions with the approval of the Secretary of State. Provision was also made for the resumption of the contributions if that should become necessary.

The Bill in question was recom- mended and was, indeed, drafted by the Secretary of State, said Sir Joseph, in conclusion.

The Bill was read a first time.

Medical Registration. In moving the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Or- dinance, 1884, Sir Joseph said that the Ordinance was proposed to amend was open to considerable criticism. Its provisions were by no means clear on certain points and several matters which should have been provided for were not provided for. For example, one section gave the Colonial Secretary power to strike a practitioner off the Register.

LOYAL SYMPATHY.

COUNCIL & ROYAL FAMILY'S BEREAVEMENT.

YESTERDAY'S RESOLUTION.

Reference to the bereavement suffered by Their Majesties the King and Queen and the Royal Family in the death of the Marquis of Cambridge was made by His Excellency the Officer Adminis- trating the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday.

His Excellency said: Honourable members of the Council will have heard with great regret of the death on the 24th inst. of the Marquis of Cambridge, the eldest brother of Her Majesty the Queen. I know that Honourable members will desire to give expression of their loyal sympathy with Their Majesties the King and Queen and the members of the Royal family in their sorrow.

His Excellency then moved the following resolution: The members of the Legislative Council have heard with profound sorrow the sad announcement of the death of the Marquis of Cambridge and desire to tender their humble duty and to express their loyal and respectful sympathy with Their Majesties the King and Queen and the Royal family in their bereavement.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewell seconded, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard supported and the resolution was passed with members standing in silence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PIRACY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I have read, as other officers of the Mercantile Marine, about the piracy of the s.s. "Irene" and the arrangements being made for their clothing and accommodation by the Benevolent Society and the Police, etc.

While appreciating these kind offices, may I ask about the Officers of the s.s. "Kochow"; with good old British names as Morgan and Evans and about one who lost his life in the course of his duty, Mr. Black? And, may I add, that when the surviving British officers arrived in Hong Kong, the only clothes they possessed were kindly lent by the Customs of Sam Shui.

Was there, or will there be, anything done for them? The Companies pay them nothing for what they suffer.—Yours, etc.,
BRITISHER.
Hong Kong, Oct. 28, 1927.

certain circumstances. Another section appeared to direct that all questions of striking off should be decided by the Medical Board. Again, one section appeared to intend that an appeal against any decision to strike off a practitioner should lie with the Governor-in-Council. Another section which provided for the striking off of any name from the Register gave no express power of appeal from such action.

Again, it was uncertain whether there was power to strike off an unqualified person who had obtained registration by some fraudulent means unless he was first convicted of that offence. Conviction might be impossible because the person in question might have left the Colony. Again, the Medical Board had power to recommend that a practitioner be struck off the Register but they had no power of censure. It was obvious that in some cases, striking off would be too severe a measure but some degree of censure was called for.

The Bill proposed to deal with all these points and certain others. It would have the effect of qualifying the provisions of the principal Ordinance and of filling up gaps at present existing. One thing it made quite clear was that there would be a power of appeal to the Governor-in-Council from any decision of the Medical Board to strike off anyone from the Register. It also laid down the procedure to be followed on any such appeal.

In conclusion, Sir Joseph said that the Bill also proposed to provide for the transferring of the Medical Register from the Colonial Secretary to the Principal Civil Medical Officer who appeared to be the most suitable officer to keep it. It also proposed to provide for the exemption of Professors of the Faculty of Medicine at the University from the necessity of registering as medical practitioners.

Second Readings.

The following Bills passed their second and third readings and became law:—
An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.
An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1899.
Finance Votes.
The votes before the Finance Committee meeting which followed the Legislative Council meeting were all approved.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

We are a bellicose community, judging by the enthusiasm in boxing.

A motorist who had been looking round a beautiful old West Country church met outside the porch a very ancient villager, to whom he expressed his admiration of the building.

"Ah yes, zur," replied the ancient, solemnly shaking a dilapidated beard, "but 'e ain't what 'e was. 'Ee should have seen 'er in Olivvier Crummewell's day—I can tell 'ee that."

Hard Old Lady (to tramp): Why don't you work if you are hungry? Weary Willie: I tried that, ma'am, an' it only made me hungrier.

A doctor had finished his round of the links when his small negro caddy remarked: "Doctor, ain't you got some shoes in yo' locker yo' don't want? I needs some bad."

"Perhaps," said the doctor.

"What size do you wear?"

"I dunno, sah, cause I ain't never bought 'em dat way—I either can get in 'em or I can't."

Squire (who is missing pheasant eggs): Where have you been getting your eggs lately, Brown?

Brown: From my hens, sir.

Squire: But I hear you've been hatching out pheasants.

Brown: That's right, squire. Ain't nature wonderful—and puzzlin'.

The company needed a good bugler and a wizened little fellow from the ranks stepped forward at the announcement.

"Are you a good bugler?" asked the captain.

"No, sir, I'm no bugler!" the private declared, as though he had been insulted.

"Well, for the love of the army and navy, why did you step forward, then?"

"Well, sir, I thought you said 'bugler!'"

Friend: Did the editor take any of the things you sent him?

Author: Yes, the stamps for the return postage.

"Fred," she whispered in the middle of the night, "there are burglars in the house. I heard them."

"Very well, my dear," murmured Fred, sleepily, "I'll attend to them first thing in the morning."

"The best thing you can do, John, is to go and apologise to Mary."

"Yes, but I was in the right."

"Well, in that case, you'd better take some flowers along."

"What time did you get in last night?" She who checks up.

"Quarter of twelve." She who got checked.

"Young lady, it was at least three o'clock." Very stern.

"That's what I said, quarter of twelve." She's checking out to-day.

She-sez: I have no sympathy for a man who gets drunk every night.

He-sez: A man who gets drunk every night doesn't need sympathy.

"Are you a sailor's sweetheart?"

"No. I don't like salt with my mush."

The way of the transgressor is hard so they are able to make pretty fast time on it.

"It is quite true that after one has served in the air service for ten years he is retired as a colonel?"

"No. Indeed; after about three years he is retired as an angel."

Stranger (to a group of university boys passing ward school): I say, my lads, would you mind running back and telling your teacher that the primary department state inspector is without?

Visitor: What is your little brother's name?

Tommy: His name would be Bill if he was my brother, but he isn't, so his name's Alice.

"I was out in the country, yesterday."

"Somebody have a picnic?"

"Yeh, the mosquitoes."

Guest: Mr. Manager, the minute I came in your waiter poured a plate of hot soup over me.

Inkeeper (to waiter): Fritz, you mustn't greet the guests too warmly.

"You're suffering from indigestion. Drink a cup of hot water every morning."

"I've been doing that for some time, doctor, only my wife calls it coffee."

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WALKS OUT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

"Hasty Affidavit." Mr. Lo pointed out that the accused's record was doubtless a respectable one, holding as he did responsible positions extending from 1890 to the present time. Therefore it was all the more cruel that he should be treated the way he was at his present age.

This case, Mr. Lo said, pointed out clearly the injustice of a person rushing up to the Police Station and swearing a hasty affidavit on which his Worship issued a warrant, only to come to Court afterwards and say through Counsel that they had no evidence to offer.

Gratuitous Services.

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said that the accused had been all along frank about the matter and had admitted that at the request of the partner of the Ming Fat Hong he had rendered him gratuitous services by filling in cheque blanks for his signature, and what, Mr. Lo asked, was more natural than that a person who wished to forge a cheque would take the precaution of forging the accused's handwriting as well as the firm's chop and the signature of the partner?

This large establishment (the Yokohama Specie Bank) Mr. Lo said, had discovered the fraud in June this year and it was outrageous that in all that time they had not been able to get at the real culprit instead of bringing against the accused a charge which they could not sustain.

Pressed Mr. Jenkin.

Mr. Lo then proceeded to say that he had pressed Mr. Jenkin at the last hearing to open his case, but while saying that he was in a position to do so, he declared that he wished for more time to prepare the prosecution as he did not want to present his case in a piecemeal condition. Then, what happened? Mr. Jenkin came into Court that morning and said simply that he had no evidence to offer. Mr. Lo protested vigorously that it was not fair and was outrageous to drag the accused through a criminal court in such a way. He suggested that the prosecution should offer an explanation to the Court for its action in suddenly withdrawing. He (Mr. Lo) was not particular if the prosecution offered an explanation or not, but if they would do so, he would certainly like to know what that explanation was.

At this stage Mr. Jenkin left the Court.

Counsel's Protest.

Observing this, Mr. Lo remarked that he did not think it was likely that the prosecution would say anything in the way of an explanation as Counsel had already left the Court. Referring to Mr. Jenkin's withdrawal, Mr. Lo said "It is an outrage on this Court for Counsel to leave at this stage. I don't think there is a precedent to such an action."

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said that he believed from hearsay evidence that the police had since visited another house and as the result of information obtained had come to the conclusion that they had arrested the wrong man. He contended that it was an injustice to the accused that the machinery of justice should have been put in motion in such a haphazard way.

A Civil Action.

Concluding, Mr. Lo said that the accused would welcome any words of sympathy from his Worship, and he (Mr. Lo) asked Mr. Lindell in discharging the accused to say that he did so without a stain on the accused's character.

Mr. Lindell asked Sub-Inspector Carey if the police had gathered any evidence which would lead to another prosecution, and after a pause the Inspector replied "No."

Mr. Lo pointed out that they did not want to say anything for fear of a civil action.

Without a Stain. To clear the point, the Magistrate asked the Inspector if the police had any evidence against anyone else now, and after another pause the Inspector again replied in the negative.

In dismissing the case, the Magistrate said that he was satisfied that the charge against the accused must have been based on insufficient knowledge, therefore the accused would be discharged without a stain on his character.

VICTIM OF CROCODILES.

Cotabato, (Philippines), Oct. 15. While bathing in the river near Barrio Gupit, Cotabato, a Moro woman named Maguran was attacked by a crocodile. Pasandalan, another Moro who happened to be near by, jumped into the water with a bolo and in turn attacked the monster. After wounding the crocodile, Pasandalan dragged it towards the bank of the river, with the woman. Just then, however, about ten other monsters made their appearance and tore the woman away. Pasandalan watching her disappear in the middle of the stream. The following day the body of the unfortunate woman was found minus the two legs and one arm. — National Press.

WILL THEY FIGHT?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Latest news is that the Communists are trekking along the extreme south of Kiangsi, inland and westwards, with Hunan as the goal.

LEFT OR RIGHT?

Mr. Wang Ching-wei's Return to Canton.

Chinese merchants are keenly interested to know what reception will be extended to Mr. Wang Ching-wei on his return to Canton.

Mr. Wang, it will be recalled, is the head of the Leftist politicians of the Kuomintang, and is reported to have left Hankow for Canton.

General Li Chai-sum is considered a Rightist.

Leftist hopes in Canton were revived on the return of the Ironsides but the soldiers have been singularly neutral in political issues.

What then has Mr. Wang in mind?

Latest Obsession.

His latest obsession has been the calling of the fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Council. Nanking was alleged to be against the session which Hankow politicians demanded.

Just when both sides announced agreement and the session to sit on November 1, Nanking's soldiers declared war—not on the Hankow politicians, of whom Mr. Wang is the head—but on General Tang Seng-chi who dominates the practical control of Hankow.

Straws in the Wind.

I take it (says a political correspondent) that if Mr. Wang was in opposition to General Tang Seng-chi he would have stayed in Nanking or Shanghai; but he may have elected to visit Canton for the purpose of inducing Canton to assist Nanking. But the cold reception accorded to him in Shanghai points the other way, that is, he is not in sympathy with General Tang Seng-chi, but he is still bitter against Nanking for declaring war in preference to calling the session which he mooted.

Mrs. Liao Chung-kai (whose husband, as leader of the Canton extremists in 1925, was assassinated) has also come south from Hankow. She also says that the Nanking government is unlawfully constituted.

New Mayor.

Reforms have been carried out in the Canton (city) Kuomintang which add to Leftist prestige in that body.

Mr. Fung Chai-man, who was Canton provincial treasurer for a while till the Ironsides returned, is to be appointed Mayor—the return of another adherent of General Li Chai-sum to power.

Police authorities in Canton are still maintaining vigilance against four labour institutions on which alleged Communists and agitators have designs. These are the Strike Executive, Seamen's Union, Railwaymen's Union and Printers' Union. In connection with the last named, the Police have taken special precautions in Canton's Fleet Street, which is in the western suburb.

WUCHOW NOTES.

General Wong Shiu-hung's Return.

[From a Correspondent.]

Wuchow, Wednesday. It is reported that General Wong Shiu-hung is in this city, having arrived here yesterday afternoon.

This report is in accordance with his announced policy, upon his return to Canton from Swatow.

General Wong arrived with a large number of his famous Kwangsi veterans, leaving strong garrisons, however, along the Canton-Samsui Railway, at Shuihung and Dosing (West River ports).

For several days previous to General Wong's return, units of his army reached Wuchow daily, adding to the already large number of soldiers in the city. These can be seen in various parts of the city, engaging in close order drill and are thus being better prepared for service.

Protection for Foreigners.

Political conditions locally are very quiet, the authorities having a firm hand on the situation. They have recently telegraphed to officials all over the province to be vigilant in maintaining law and order—and to see especially that foreigners and their property are in no way molested.

Fire in City.

Yesterday, a small fire broke out in the eastern part of the city. The local fire brigade, together with the neighbours involved, quickly appeared on the scene with the result that only one house was burned and two others torn down to check the spreading of the flames. While the conflagration lasted, it caused no little excitement, as at one time it was feared that a large number of houses would become involved.

THE IVEAGH ESTATE.

MANY BEQUESTS TO CHARITY.

KENWOOD PARK.

London, Yesterday. The will of the late Earl of Iveagh will probably be admitted to probate in a sum of not less than eleven millions sterling and estate duty to the amount of £4,400,000 will be paid in the course of the next few days.

Duties on the estates of other millionaires to come into the Treasury receipts for the current year include £2,000,000 offered to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by Lady Houston in respect of the estate of her late husband, who died in the Channel Islands, a sum of £1,600,000 in respect of the estate of the late Lord Cowdray; £604,000 from the estate of Mrs. Douglas Hamilton, and £312,000 from that of Lord Lansdowne.

Large gifts are made to public bodies under Lord Iveagh's will, including £60,000 to King Edward VII. Hospital fund for London; the income from £65,000 to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, for such time as the cathedral shall be used for the Protestant Church of Ireland; the income from £125,000 to be devoted to the augmentation of the livings of the poorer clergy of the Protestant Church in Ireland.

Regarding the mansion and 74 acres of meadow and woodland known at Kenwood, purchased by Earl Iveagh to be reserved for the public as an extension of Hampstead Heath, the will expresses a wish that the mansion be converted at the expense of the estate into a public art gallery to be open to the public.

To found this gallery Earl Iveagh bequeaths from his large private collection, said to be one of the finest in the world a number of pictures valued at about £300,000. Earl Iveagh personally collected the pictures, which will include 14 by Reynolds, 10 by Romney, several by Gainsborough and others by Lawrence, Turner, Cromie, Hopper, Morland, Raeburn, Vandyck, Rembrandt and Vermeer—British Wire-less Service.

GERMAN FINANCES.

ECONOMIC LIFE QUITE SOUND.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Speaking before the budget committee of the Reichstag the President of the Reichsbank, Herr Schacht, declared that Germany's monetary position and stability of currency was certain as long as the Reichsbank was independent. The Minister of Economics, Herr Curtius, quoted figures to show that Germany's economic life, including its guarantees and the loans raised for public purposes was quite sound.—Reuter.

DIED OF CHAGRIN.

PERSON WHO ISSUED WARRANT FOR KAISER.

Prague, October 4.

Stefan Weirlik, the only person who ever issued a genuine warrant for the arrest of the former German Kaiser, is dead. He died of chagrin, which he had harboured for almost two decades.

At the time when this warrant was issued, both the ex-Kaiser and Stefan Weirlik were still in office; the former on the German throne and the latter as chief of the Prague secret service with a fair chance of becoming chief of police.

The ominous warrant, which incidentally put an abrupt end to Stefan Weirlik's high-flying hopes, was issued for the arrest of one "Wilhelm Kaiser" on a charge of "murder with intent to rob." It bore a minute description of the erstwhile German emperor from the commanding eye, aquiline nose and up-turned mustache to the short stiff left arm.

Diplomatic steps ensued and an investigation proved Weirlik had been the victim of a practical joke played on him by a policeman in a small provincial town who, like the prospective chief of police, was summarily dismissed from office.—United Press.

Foreign Community.

Various members of the foreign community are now in the interior. The European agent for Messrs. Botelho, Mr. J. M. Da Conceicao, left recently for Nanning. The Rev. Mr. Woerner and the Rev. Mr. Poole of the Alliance Mission have spent a month beyond Liuchuan and as far north as Kwellin. They report peaceful conditions along the Fu River. They are expected back in Wuchow within the next few days.

Customs Commissioner.

The port is soon to lose more members of the Foreign Community. The Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Y. Kurensten, is leaving on November 1, on transfer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. E. Coates of the M.A.R. are leaving at the end of the month to transfer to Canton. They will be greatly missed in the business and social life of the community.

LOCAL WEDDING.

UNION CHURCH, HONG KONG, CEREMONY.

FINNIE—MACKENZIE.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, was the scene of a pretty wedding this afternoon when the parties united were Miss Jessie Ferguson Mackenzie, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Mackenzie, of "Dunkirk," and Mr. John Finnie, of Gairloch, and Mr. John Finnie, of Gairloch.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald. The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. D. Bell, was charmingly attired in a dress of white georgette draped with lace and having long, tight sleeves; veil of white net trimmed with white heather and orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white roses and heather.

Miss Nancy McNeillie and Miss Isa Bell, the bridesmaids, wore pretty dresses of dalphinium blue georgette and silver lace with crinoline hats trimmed with blue flowers. Their bouquets were of pink roses. Mrs. D. McNeillie, the Matron of Honour, was attired in a grey charmeuse dress, cyclamen crinoline hat, with bouquet of deep pink roses.

Mr. Stewart Hope discharged the duties of best man and Messrs. Wm. Robertson and R. B. Bell were groomsmen.

Many friends of the bride and bridegroom assembled at the Hong Kong Hotel where a reception followed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Finnie are to leave later in the day for their honeymoon at Repulse Bay. The bride's travelling dress being of beige crepe de chine with coat and cloche ribbon hat to match.

COMING WEDDING.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Alexander Urquhart, mercantile assistant of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., and Miss Lilian Hannah Price, of 139, Kowloon Tong.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE TOWER OF LIES" AT THE QUEEN'S.

LON CHANEY'S ACTING.

The three people chiefly responsible for making "He Who Gets Slapped" famous as a film—Lon Chaney, Norma Shearer, and Victor Seastrom—have each played an important part in the success of "The Tower of Lies," the notable picture which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day and tomorrow.

Lon Chaney has one of the biggest roles of his career in this picture, namely the part of the "insane emperor" of an imaginary kingdom. The role is one of great human appeal, and Lon Chaney makes it a thing of great beauty and tenderness.

Norma Shearer's share in the success of "The Tower of Lies" is the ability with which she interprets the role of "Goldie," who appears, when the story opens, as an innocent young country girl, but later becomes a brazen, hardened woman of loose reputation.

The part played by Victor Seastrom in making "The Tower of Lies" a great picture is the skill with which he has transferred the story from the popular novel to the screen. The picture is full of incident and Seastrom has made it more than a little impressive.

WORLD AND STAR.

The continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day, which presents Zane Grey's story, "The Call of the Canyon," as the chief item, will end at 8.30, the popular musical comedy company, the Quaints, submitting "Oh Joy" at 9.15.

The principal picture at the World Theatre, Gloria Swanson's production of "Madame Sans Gene," the famous play of Napoleon's day by Victorien Sardou, and Emile Moreau, begins promptly at the times advertised; namely, with orchestra 5.15 and 9.20, with Chinese interpreter, 2.30 and 7.15.

TO-DAY'S GAZETTE.

The topical gazette at the Queen's Theatre to-day shows the start of "Old Glory's" ill-fated attempt to fly across the Atlantic, the Conway Bridge celebrations, the girls' golf championship and a strange deer dance in Kent.

STAR THEATRE.

THE QUAINTS IN "OH JOY" TO-NIGHT.

The popular musical comedy company, the Quaints, open their season in the Star Theatre at 9.15 to-night with the big London success, "Oh Joy," a piece which met with a very cordial reception in the Theatre Royal last week and should win equal favour in Kowloon.

The Quaints will repeat "Oh Joy" in the Star Theatre again tomorrow, Saturday night, and they will bring their season to a close on Sunday night with the famous musical comedy "No, No, Nanette." During their season, the Star Theatre orchestra will be specially augmented. Booking is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Tower of Lies."

To-day—World Theatre: "Madame Sans Gene."

To-day—The Quaints present "Oh Joy" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Star Theatre: "Call of the Canyon," 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Concert at "Cheer O," 7 p.m.

October 29—Dinner dance at Lane, Crawford's, Cafe, and exhibition of latest ballroom dances by Mlle. Coudar and her partner.

October 30—The Quaints present "No, No, Nanette" at the Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

October 30-31—Queen's Theatre: "So This Is Marriage?"

October 30-31—World Theatre: "Along Came Ruth."

October 30-31—Star Theatre: "Looking For Trouble."

November 1-5—Queen's Theatre: "Michael Strogoff."

November 1-2—World Theatre: "Dark Angel."

November 1-2—Star Theatre: "The Splendid Crime."

November 3-5—World Theatre: "Triumph."

November 3-5—Star Theatre: "New Brooms."

November 3—Entertainment at Government House under the auspices of, and in aid of the H.K.W.L. & M.C.L., 5 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—Ping Pong: H. K. U. v. T. Institute at C.C.Y.M.S.

To-day—Whist drive at the Y.M.C.A. Building, Kowloon, 7 p.m.

To-day—Local soccer: China Squadron football team v. Queen's Regt., Dockyard ground, 4.15 p.m.

October 29—Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C. Sports on Central British School ground, King's Park, Kowloon, 2 p.m.

October 29—First Boxing Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

November 5—Annual Athletic sports meeting of the H.K.V.D.C., K.C.C. ground, Kowloon.

November 5—Seventh extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

November 9—Eighth bi-annual "Trevelyan Trophy" race for ship's lifeboats, 4 p.m.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanling Hunt.

Lammer's Auctions.

October 29—At Godown No. 1, The China Provisional Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Fl., 211 bags No. 24 Java white sugar, 11 a.m.

November 3—Miscellaneous goods, 250 cases beer and cement, stored in godowns at the K.K. & K. Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 10 a.m.

Meetings.

To-day—H.K.V.D.C. Sports Committee meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 6.30 p.m.

October 29—Twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Grand Hotel Des Wagons Lits Ltd., Exchange Bldg., noon.

October 29—Half yearly meeting of members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club annex, 12.30 p.m.

October 30—Men's Meeting at the "Cheer O," 7.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Organ. Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

To-day—Public lecture on "The New Europe & The League of Nations" by Prof. C. K. Webster, in the Great Hall of the University, 5 p.m.

October 30—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

November 2—Reel Club, seventh practice, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 12—St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club garden fete.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Leong Ye Khean, son of the late Towkay Leong Fee of Perak, has given a Dodge motor-bus to the new Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Ipoh.

Recruiting for the Nationalist army is proceeding. 900 recruits from Canton arriving in Shanghai only a few days ago. Another batch of 1,000, also from Canton was expected.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is reported to have given 500 dollars for the erection of a boulder to stand as a monument to Spiritualism on the grounds of the Plymouth Spiritualist Church at Rochester, New York.

An agreement between the Chief Secretary to Government, and Commander-in-Chief of the S.S., re the acquisition of land at Bukit Serayah, Province Wellesley, by the F.M.S., as a means of access to the Bukit Serayah Reservoir, is published in the S.S. "Gazette."

The Chinese obviously lack interest in police methods for combating pirates and robbers which have been taking place in Shanghai in recent months. A meeting called to discuss police measures which was to have been held at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce had to be cancelled owing to the poor attendance.

Privileges under the Inventions Ordinance, S.S., have been granted to the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. of the U.S.A., in respect of an invention for "Pneumatic Tyre Treads," and to Mr. W. W. Hume, of Melbourne, in respect of inventions entitled "Improvements relating to automatic control devices for electric arc welding apparatus and other purposes." "Improvements on and relating to concrete pipes," and "Improvements relating to electric welding apparatus."

Some very interesting Malayan coins, a bracelet and a porcelain plate, have been dug up by one of the dredgers near Lahat, while dredging the old course of the Kinta River, says the "Pioneer Gazette." The coins are about fifty in number and date from 1774. Some of the markings on these coins are quite clear. The bracelet is a small one of solid gold and evidently belonged to a little Malay girl. It was not joined into a circle and was very thin. The old Malay porcelain plate came up in one of the buckets, and, fortunately, was not damaged. The Malays in the district state that a kampong existed there about 90 years ago.

A new English School will shortly be started at the Y.M.C.A. in Kuala Lumpur.

Havana reports that the President of Cuba, on the 4th inst., signed an act whereby a company is authorised to control the export of sugar from Cuba, and to restrict its output till 1933.

Due to the prompt action of the fire float, a small fire which broke out yesterday on the s.s. "Anjou" was confined to the lazarette. Its place of origin, and put out within a short time of the alarm having been given. Little damage was done. The "Anjou" at the time was lying alongside the Tai Hing wharf.

Charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday on three counts of impersonating a policeman, a Chinese admitted two charges and denied the other. According to Detective Sergeant Mottram, the accused's motive appeared to be to obtain "squeeze." A remand was given to give the accused an opportunity to call a witness.

The young Chinese student who was injured when a motor car in which he and five others were riding to Repulse Bay ran into a large rock on the motor road on Tuesday, died at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday. Two of his companions who were also injured were able to leave hospital after their cuts and bruises had been attended to.

The report of the Singapore Mercantile Co-operative Thrift and Loan Society, Ltd., for the year ended June 30, 1927, states that on that date there were 36 members on the register. The highest individual subscription was \$20 per mensem. The majority of members contributed \$5. The average monthly subscription per head was \$4.07. No loans have been issued during the period under review.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield heard further evidence in the case in which three Chinese are charged with armed robbery in a shop at No. 185, Laichikok Road on the night of September 13 when the wife of the shopkeeper who gave the alarm was stabbed with a pair of scissors. Subsequently the intruders became alarmed and made a dash for freedom without stopping to steal anything. One of the trio (second accused) ignored the challenge of a Chinese constable outside the shop and was shot at and wounded three times. The case was adjourned.

Admiral Yang Hau-chang, head of the Nationalist naval forces, returned to Shanghai from Nanking after a conference on naval affairs with the Military Council.

Paris reports that Admiral Pothoué recently took command of the French Mediterranean Squadron at Toulon. It is said that, in spite of communistic propaganda, the ceremony was orderly, and the discipline and bearing of the men was impressive.

When the summons against him for allowing his dog to be at large without a muzzle was again called before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday, Major G. L. Gore of the 5/2nd Punjab Regiment once more failed to appear. The dog, it will be remembered, was left in the Major's care by another Officer, and at the last hearing it was stated that Major Gore was away from the Colony on duty, but was expected back this week. The Magistrate gave another adjournment of the case, and directed the police to make inquiries as to whether he had returned.

Within a year or eighteen months the Kuala Lumpur—Port Dickson road will have been improved almost out of recognition. The two hairpin bends at the 27th mile have already been eliminated by a cut through Rinching estate, a bypass will soon do away with the most dangerous of the corners half a mile beyond Cheras, and the tortuous stretches of road at the Seremban end of the Mantin Pass are being straightened and widened. Quite half-a-dozen steam rollers are at work and large gangs of coolies are engaged in widening the road-surface, cutting away banks, and filling up depressions.

On the application of Mr. Leo d'Almeida, for the defence, Mr. W. Schofield yesterday gave another remand until Tuesday next, of the case in which a Chinese is charged with victimising a pawnbroker. The allegation against the accused was that on October 17 he pledged a pair of bangles which he represented to be gold at a pawnshop at No. 343, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, and obtained a certain sum of money on them. Later the pawnbroker discovered that the bangles were not made of solid gold and informed the police, with the result that the accused and a woman were arrested. The woman who was charged with aiding and abetting the man was discharged by the Magistrate who held that guilty knowledge had not been proved against her.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. B. J. P. Joaquim, the Kuala Lumpur lawyer, is expected back from Home leave next month.

Mr. C. Baines, Superintendent of Customs, Ipoh, is lying ill at Batu Gajah Hospital with an attack of fever.

Mr. A. H. Gubbay, of Hong Kong, is making a visit to Shanghai, arriving there on the "President Jackson."

Miss Soume Chen, the Chinese woman jurist, who has been appointed to the bench of the Provisional Court, has left for Nanking.

Mr. D. A. Gee, of Gopeng, was married in London on Sept. 20. He sails for Malaya with his bride at the beginning of next month.

After a pleasure trip to Hong Kong, Miss M. Eucarnacao, Mrs. A. A. Leitao and Mrs. E. J. Leitao returned to Shanghai on the "President Jackson."

Mr. J. H. Bassett has, in addition to his own duties as Town Planning Administrator, Ipoh, been appointed to act as Deputy Public Prosecutor, Perak.

Mr. S. R. Gots, of Messrs. Mustard and Company, and Mrs. Gots were among the passengers arriving in Shanghai on the "President McKinley" from San Francisco.

Mr. Arthur Acland Allen has been appointed Chairman of the Chinese (F.M.S.) Estates in succession to Mr. Noel Trotter (formerly, Postmaster-General), who, after holding the position for 17 years, has retired from the board to obtain greater leisure.

Mr. H. N. Pendlebury, who has been on a scientific expedition in Borneo, has returned to Kuala Lumpur. He has collected some thousands of entomological specimens and his adventures included becoming lost in the jungle with two Dyaks and having to spend the night in the open.

It is with very deep regret that we record the death on Saturday, October 15, 1927, of Mr. John Graham Grant, aged 31. Mr. Grant had been for the last eight years on New Columbia Estate, and was a capable planter, and Secretary of the Siliawan Branch of the Incorporated Society of Planters. He was a native of Rothesay, where his mother and sister now reside, to whom much sympathy will be expressed in their bereavement. "Pioneer Gazette."

Mr. J. A. Duthe returns to Singapore from Home by the "Haruna Maru" due early in December.

Mrs. H. H. Arnold was among the passengers returning to Shanghai on "President McKinley."

The re-appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. Everitt as an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council, S.S., has been approved.



General John H. Russell, G.S., High Commissioner in Haiti. He was recently in Washington and gave President Coolidge first hand information regarding conditions in that country. It is also said that he reported the reason why Senator King was barred from Haiti by President Borneo last winter.

The Nobel prize for physiology for 1926 has been awarded to Professor Johannes Fibiger, of the University of Copenhagen. The same prize for 1927 was awarded to Professor Wagner von Jauregg of the University of Vienna. Reuter.

Mr. E. A. C. North, of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs, formally took the oath as a member at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council. Mr. North has taken over the duties of directing the Secretariat in the absence of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax who took over the duties of acting Colonial Secretary during the period of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern's acting Governorship.

Mr. E. E. Colman is appointed a commissioner under the Mahomedan and Hindu Endowments Ordinance.

Mrs. S. W. Wolfe, manager of the G. T. Fulford Company, returned to Shanghai on the "President McKinley."

Mr. William Burrell, representative of the American Asiatic Underwriters, is making a business trip to Shanghai.

Prof. and Mrs. A. I. Nasmith of Shanghai College are rejoicing over the arrival of Helen Esther on October 10.—S.T.

Mr. H. E. Page, manager of the General Electric Company of China, arrived in Shanghai on the "President McKinley" from the United States.

Mr. S. E. King, M.C.S., is to act as Assistant Director of Education for Chinese Schools, S.S., an Assistant Director of Education for the Registration of Schools Ordinance, and a police magistrate for Malacca.

Dr. O. E. Goddard, the preacher at Community Church, Shanghai, is the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Methodist Church. He is in China for their annual conference which convenes this month.

Mr. B. H. F. Barnard, of the Forests Department, is going home on furlough. Mr. Barnard who has been over 30 years in the F.M.S. Government Service, will return to Malaya for one more comparatively short spell of duty before retiring on pension.

The Rev. Fr. L. M. Duvelle, Vicar of St. John's Church, Kuala Lumpur, who has been indisposed for some time past, has been ordered a change. He left for Singapore and will be away for a few weeks. The Rev. Fr. M. Seyres takes charge of St. John's during his absence.

W. W. Sinclair, a London schoolmaster, arrived at Liverpool in the liner "Montrose" after an attempt to conquer the Atlantic in a four-ton yacht. Sinclair, with Richard Jackson, a law student from Northampton, managed to reach Iceland but met with a storm in attempting to reach New York via Newfoundland, striking a hurricane at Belle Isle. They were tossed about in terrific seas for six days and nights, and even their clothing had to be used to patch the battered boat. Ultimately they were rescued by the frigate "Albatross."

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Hostilities in the north between Shansi and Chang Tso-lin have given way to open warfare between the two Nationalist factions on the Yangtze, the Wuhaners' and Nanking-ites, and the latter are having the better of matters.

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1st LEAGUE.—K.O.S.B. v. SOUTH CHINA, SOOKUMPOO.
RECREIO v. CLUB, (POSTPONED).
CHINESE ATHLETIC v. R.G.A., Club ground, Valley.
QUEEN'S REGT. v. HONG KONG POLICE, U.S. Ground,
CHATHAM ROAD, KOWLOON.
KOWLOON v. ROYAL AIR FORCE, Kowloon F.C. ground.
KICK OFF, 4.30 P.M.

A very attractive programme is arranged for Saturday in the Hong Kong League and although the Scots Guards, Club de Recreio and Hong Kong Club are not in action, the remaining matches, both at Kowloon and Hong Kong, are such as to attract large crowds.

Owing to the Volunteer Sports at King's Park, in which several of the Club players are participating, the Club and Recreio game is off, and the Scots Guards are the odd team out, but, spectators at the Valley and Sookumpoo also at Kowloon, are well catered for.

The Chinese Athletic, who have started the season with a great burst, having played four and won four, must be accorded preference, and there is no doubt the Club ground will be packed long before the start of the game to-morrow. As the Chinese have easily defeated the Club, and the Club have surprised and pleased their supporters by beating the R.G.A., form on Saturday, in the game Chinese Athletic v. R.G.A. points to an easy win for the Chinese, but form is misleading and I am looking forward to the Chinese receiving their first trial of strength, as the R.G.A. will be all out.

The Athletic will be without their clever right winger Tao Kwai-shing, but Lau Mow, who takes his place, is a clever winger, and the Athletic can be regarded as practically at full-strength. The R.G.A. were not too convincing on Wednesday last against the R.F.A., but can be regarded on their day as a dangerous side, and although Chinese Athletic will start strong favourites, Leach and his merry men will make them go the whole course to secure full points. The Athletic's extremely clever half back line should however just see them through.

Kobles' Chances.

The other Hong Kong Senior League game is the meeting of the K.O.S.B.'s and South China at Sookumpoo and here I think the K.O.S.B.'s will secure the points. Fresh from a

great game on Wednesday with their rivals the Scots Guards, the K.O.S.B. regimental side should be a hard nut, in fact too hard for the Chinese to successfully tackle.

The old combination of Alexander and McClintock did not shine on Wednesday last against the Scots Guards, but South China have not players of the calibre of Hurst, Johnstone and McEwen and the Kobles should be on the right side at the finish.

At Kowloon.

On the Kowloon side of the Harbour we are favoured with two very good games and the R.A.F. who have pluckily lost well, their last three games, will give Kowloon a good match. Kowloon are doubtful of Sims who will be hard to replace and whose absence will be keenly felt, especially as Kowloon are showing a distinct improvement, yet even if Sims plays the R.A.F. will not go down easily and will depend on Vernon, Robbins and Bailey to give a good account of themselves.

A draw is a very possible result with the chances slightly in favour of Kowloon and a good crowd will be present, expectant on Kowloon securing full points. The other Senior Game at Kowloon is between the Queen's Regiment and the Police, and it is fully expected that Clarke and Wynn will be given every chance in his game to display their interport form, as the Queen's possess forwards in Woodards, Barclay and Larking of the sharpshooting order. Sherry is a doubtful starter for the Police also Noonan, but both may turn out and if the Police field their full strength there should be a great game, but as the match is on the military ground and the Queen's have been getting in a lot of real hard work, their chances of securing the full points are good.

There is no doubt the football spectator is well catered for on both sides of the Harbour. Amongst the Juniors the meeting of South China "B" and K.O.S.B. 2nd XI should provide the military side with more points, while another interesting game on the Recreio ground is the meeting of Recreio Res. and Kong Kong University which latter did well to beat the Hong Kong Club 2nd XI last week. The Club Reserves and R.A. Reserves match is off and the meeting of South China "A" and the Athletic "A" at Caroline Hill should also provide real sport.

—Rover.

Junior "A."

Following are the Junior "A" Division matches for to-morrow:—South China "B" v. K.O.S.B., at Sookumpoo.

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's ground.

Club v. R.A., Club ground.

Recreio v. University, Recreio ground.

S. China "A" v. Chinese Athletic, Caroline Hill.

Junior "B."

St. Joseph's v. S. China "A," St. Joseph's.

Kowloon v. Chinese Ath., Kowloon.

Moslems v. S. China "B," S. China.

Boy Scouts v. Kung Woo, Caroline Hill.

WORLD CHESS.

ANOTHER WIN FOR ALEKHINE.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday. Alekhine won the 21st game in the world's chess championship in 32 moves and has now scored four wins against Capablanca's two. The other 15 games were drawn. Alekhine wants only two more victories to win the championship.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME RUGBY.

OXFORD BEATS THE TOURISTS.

London, Yesterday. Oxford University beat the New South Wales Rugby football team (known as the Waratahs) by three points to nil. This is the first defeat the Waratahs have sustained on their present tour in England.—British Wireless Service.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

Li Sze who was yesterday remanded on a charge of possession without a licence of two Luger pistols, two magazines, a machine gun drum attachment and 651 rounds of ammunition, appeared before both Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, when after evidence had been heard sentence of 12 months' hard labour was passed.

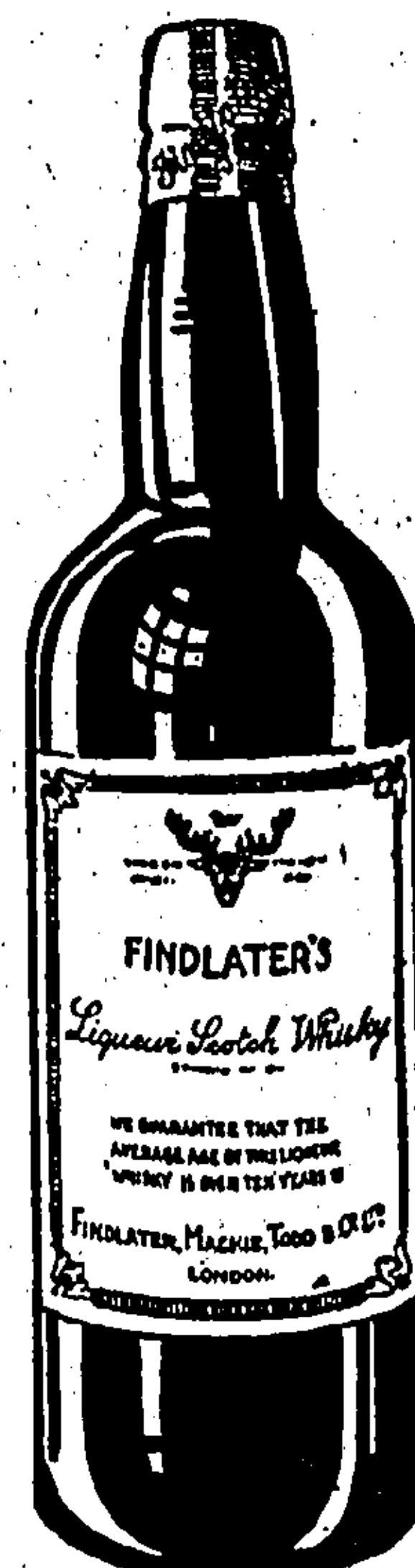
A small fire broke out on board the s.s. "Anjou" alongside the Tai Hing wharf in Connaught Road at 6.15 p.m. yesterday. The fire was discovered amongst some gunny bags in the hold, and must have been caused by a carelessly thrown cigarette end. The fire was extinguished by the ship's crew before the arrival of the fire brigade and only slight damage was done to the extent of \$15. The ship sailed for Kowloon as per schedule at 7.15 p.m.

In connection with the fishing boat piracy mentioned yesterday, it is now learned that the boat was pirated by some Hokies about 25 miles south-east of Waiwan on the morning of the 24th inst. The pirates fired a volley of rifle shots into the boat and then threw two bombs into it. The master of the boat jumped overboard and was drowned. Of the other members of the crew, five had to go to hospital on the vessel's arrival here. Two suffering from burns as the result of explosion of the bombs and three suffering from shot wounds. The robbers took valuables worth \$245 and three cannons worth \$700.

When a Punch and Judy show was in progress in Ilfracombe a woman drove up in a motor-car and offered the showman 45 for his dog Toby. He refused. She then offered 10 guineas, and this he accepted.



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the public eye on these contracts.
Miss Gish, it is rumoured, fibbed at
the "weight" clause.

This is only one of the many
undertakings which a star may have
to give in return for a fat pay-
envelope every Saturday over a
number of years. It isn't all honey
and jam to be in receipt of a long-
term millionaire-like salary. There
are drawbacks.

The reason for restrictions in
contracts is not far to seek. Once
upon a time film players had it all
their own way; having secured a
luscious contract, they proceeded to
fulfil it as they chose—and the
managers had to sit still and grin,
having absolutely no remedy.

No More "Fast And Furious."

The stars reported late for duty,
regardless of such unimportant
things as time schedules; or danced
all night and failed to turn up at
all; or spent their time getting
married, or divorced, or run in for
"speeding." Sometimes, in efforts
to break road records, they indulged
in accidents that landed them in
hospital and held up big pro-
ductions.

At last the managers decided to
take strong measures to protect
themselves.

"All right," said the managers.
"You want our contracts and we
want you. Your signature means
a lot to us—but we can't have this
fast-and-furious business any more.
Concessions we will grant. Have
your dressing-rooms redecorated
whenever you like, any we will foot
the bill. If you are a beginner and
want a car, maybe we will help you
to acquire one, till your salary
climbs a bit. But—there will be
just a few DON'TS attached to your
signature."

Thus, the "Morality Clause"
crept into contracts. It reads—or
did read—something on these lines:

The artist agrees to conduct him-
self with due regard to public con-
ventions and morals, and agrees that
he will not do or commit any act or
thing that will tend to degrade him
in society or bring him into public
hatred, contempt, scorn, or ridicule,
or that will tend to shock, insult,
or offend the community or ridicule
public morals or prejudice the pro-
ducer or the motion-picture indus-
try in general.

When this clause was first intro-
duced, there was much righteous in-
dignation in Hollywood; by now it
is regarded as a safeguard for the
whole industry, and a wise precau-
tionary measure.

Other "don'ts" in film contracts
cover all sorts of possibilities, and
have a direct bearing on the star's
value to the company—even though
they may seem comic and inconse-
quent.

Facial disfigurements and bodily
afflictions have always found a place
in cinema players' contracts; nearly
every star finds his contract nulli-
fied if he suffers a serious acci-
dent, long and continuous illness,
or facial blemish that destroys
photographic value. Where ac-
tresses are concerned, an important
"don't" deals with late hours and
overmuch social gaiety.

The energetic men of the screen
are protected against their own
daring and recklessness by "don'ts"
in their contracts. For example,
Tom Mix and "Buck" Jones, in
signing on the dotted line, promise
not to ride fractious horses except
"in line of duty" and not to take
other such chances that might
cause them bodily harm.

Reginald Denny, the young Eng-
lishman, who is fast becoming one
of the most popular screen stars in
the world, is a speed maniac. He
loves to drive a racing car—and
does it in his pictures, undisturbed.
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congested parts, relieving the pressure
and inflammation that causes the pain.
Sold and recommended everywhere.

When Shirley Mason did a lot of
riding in a racing car with a high-
speed king in officer's moments
her manager decided she was too
popular for any risks to be taken;
so a clause in her contract kept her
out of racing cars and off racing
tracks—except for business pur-
poses.

Lon Chaney, "the Man with a
Thousand Faces," had a stipulation
in a contract that no photograph
showing his face in a certain part
should be publicly shown or
reproduced until after the release
of the film.

This was unusual, but the weird
make-up Mr. Chaney uses adds to
the value of his pictures; and if
it is kept a secret that value is
trebled. So, on all publicity pic-
tures of this film sent out in ad-
vance, Mr. Chaney's face was
obliterated! Sensation, of course,
and keen excitement to see what
he really looked like.

One Eye On The Scales.

Actresses suffer quite a lot for
the sake of a valuable contract.
Nita Naldi, as she is the first to
admit, put on rather too much flesh
at one time. Now she is down to
under 130 lb. in weight and looks
positively gorgeous. Her contract
says that she must not weigh more
than 130 lb., and she spends her
days keeping one eye on the con-
tract and the other on her weighing
scales!

Gloria Swanson's last Paramount
contract, it is said, demanded the
retention of her slim gure—not
that she ever showed signs of put-
ting on weight.

At the other end of the scales is
plump, cheery Walter Hiers—and
he has to eat, and eat, and eat to
hold on to his contract.

"Don't get thin," is his particu-
lar "don't." If the scale regis-
ters less than 225 lb. when he hops
on it, away goes his weekly pay-
envelope!

Some girls had a contract clause
against bobbing their hair; but
that has been struck out in most
cases, except for Jobyna Ralston,
who must retain her lovely curls as
long as she is Harold Lloyd's lead-
ing lady.—From Answers.

CHARLIE MURRAY'S ALL-STAR FAMILY.

It takes a brave man to put up
with one feminine career in the
family. Charles Murray of Tulsa,
Okla., has to put up with three—
distributed between his wife and
daughters, the two Marion Mur-
rays, writes "Virginia Swain."

The first is the career of the elder
Marion, whose phenomenal success
in oil promotion culminated in her
coming to New York recently, to
handle a merger involving \$25-
000,000.

A great-granddaughter to Churchill
Downs, the famous Kentucky
racing man, Marion Downs Murray
has made millions for herself and
her associates since here entrance
into the oil game five years ago.

Dividend Of 600 Per Cent.

The first dividend paid by her oil
company was a modest 600 per cent.
Career number two in the Mur-
ray family is the moving picture
acting of the younger Marion, 14.
Introduced to the screen in a film
produced by her mother, the junior
Marion has had important child
roles in various companies.

The third career is the spectacu-
lar chess playing of Marion, Jr.
She fought Jose Capablanca, world
chess champion, to a draw in a
tournament recently, after he had de-
feated 42 other challengers.

Marion says she won't rest until
she beats him and captures the
world title for herself.

She never played a game of chess
until last January. She now can
carry the entire game in her
memory, and plays as well blind-
folded as seeing. She defeated the
American chess champion in a
blind-folded game in July.

How did the two Marions build
their careers? Ask Dad Murray.
He knows.

Her Profits Exceed Husband's.

It is an ironic fact that he taught
them both the arts in which they
have since excelled him. His wife
learned the A.B.C.'s of oil from
watching his operations. She be-
gan when he failed to bring in a
much-desired well. And 'against

MRS. CHAPLIN.

No Intention to Fritter
Fortune.

New York, Oct. 1.

Lila Grey Chaplin, who recent-
ly won nearly a million dollars
and her freedom in the divorce
suit against her husband, Charles
S. Chaplin, funny man of the
movies, does not intend to fritter
her fortune away. Neither will
she be in a hurry to take another
husband, who may share it with
her, and she advises young girls
against haste in love affairs.

This sums up the present atti-
tude toward life of the beautiful
former girl wife of the famous
comedian, who came to New York
on shopping expedition and
pleasure trip with her mother.

"I have learned many things
through my bitter experiences, and
unhappy married life," Mrs.
Chaplin says. "People perhaps
will not blame me too much for
not learning them before. I was
very young when I married, you
know, barely sixteen. I am nine-
teen now, and while I am not
altogether disillusioned with life,
I am not in the same frame of mind
a nineteen-year-old girl should be."

Realizes Responsibilities.

There were shadows in the beau-
tiful dark eyes of the girl mother
as she told of her children, who
had been left behind at Hollywood
with the maternal grandmother,
Mrs. W. E. Curry. And the
shadows deepened as she men-
tioned realization of her responsibility
in bringing up her two babies.

"I consider the money given me
a sacred responsibility to use for
my children," she says. "Rumours
have gone about that I am about
to indulge in riotous spending.
That is cruelly untrue. I shall
look after every cent. I have
never been extravagant, and shall
not begin now. I like pretty
clothes and things, but it is not
necessary to spend an awful lot of
money to get them."

Concerning a second husband,
Mrs. Chaplin declares she has
none in mind.

In the Future—

"I thought I was in love before,"
she asserts. "I shall make sure of
it, and the man's love for me, be-
fore I attempt a second marriage.
That is, if I ever do."

"Girls should make sure the man
is deeply in love with them, before
giving their hearts," Mrs. Chaplin
advises. "And they should be
sure he loves them enough to want
to protect them."—Central Press.

MUSIC AS MARRIAGE TEST.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 7.

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well known orchestral leader.—
United Press.

We seem to trace in the last line
the effect of the 'opening bars.'—
Punch.

the predictions of specialists she
proved herself an eminently ef-
ficient financier, geologist, superin-
tendent and drill. Her profit far
exceed her husband's.

Then along came Marion, Jr.
Her father had given much of his
time to chess of late years. Last
winter he taught his little daughter
to play, and in a few days she was
unmercifully beating him.

Her Success Puzzling.

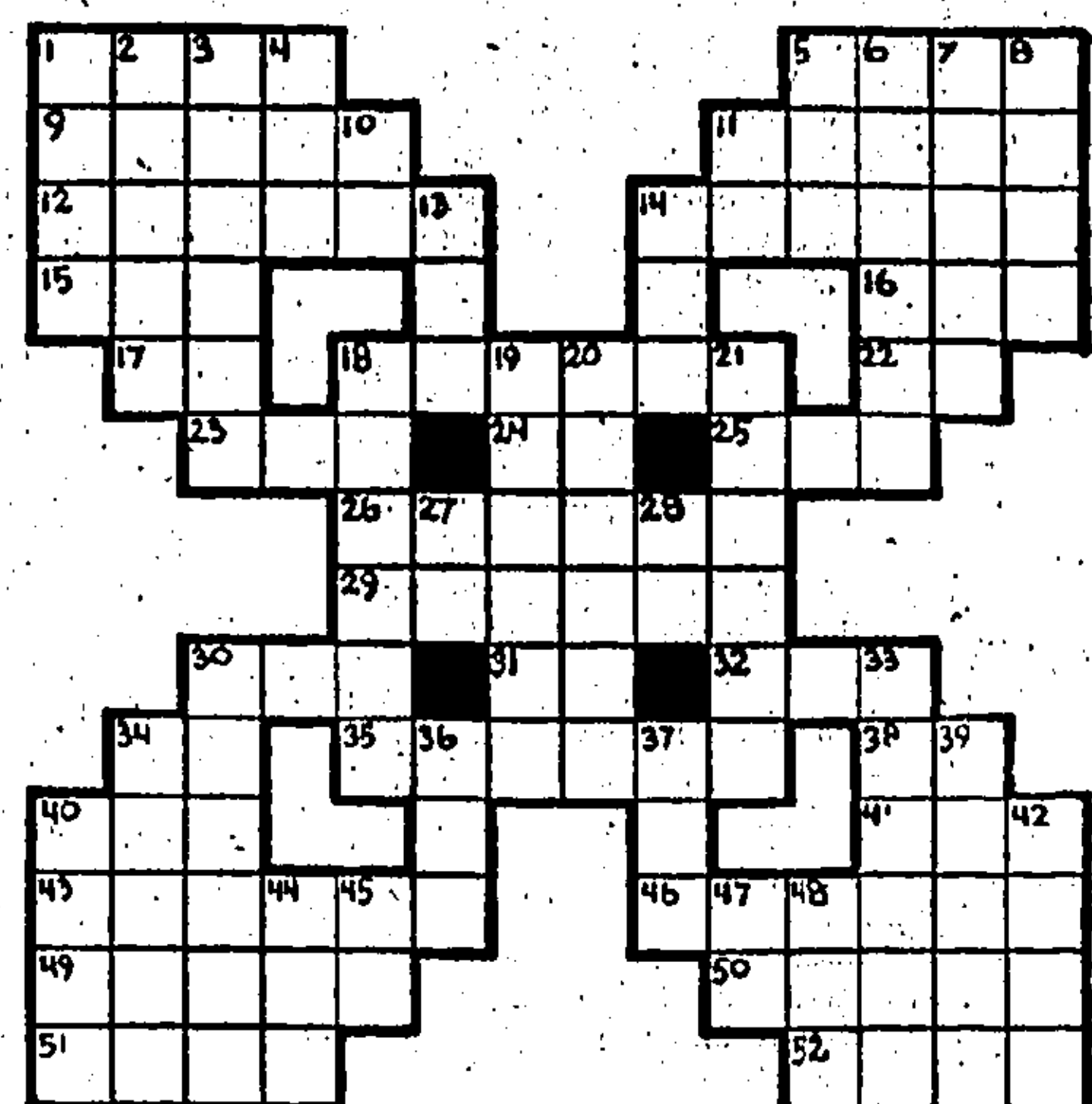
Her success at the game puzzles
the chess analysts, who prophesy
that she will be the greatest player
of aggressive chess that America
has known.

Charles Murray still plays oil
and he still plays chess. He says
he is manager of the two Marions.
But he smiles when he says it.

He ought to be in the picture of
this remarkable family. But he
flatly refuses. The two Marions
may be celebrities—but he's just
Dad.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-What breed of
Scottish terrier
originated in one of
the Hebrides
islands?
- 5-Prefix, before
certain years of
one's age
- 11-What is the Pope's
triple crown called?
- 12-To haunt, as by an
evil spirit
- 14-What are the great
treeless plains of
S. America called?
- 15-Also high
- 16-Alighted
- 17-Early English
for "the"
- 18-Who was the
Roman god of
forging and
smelting?
- 22-What is the Spanish
for "the"?
- 23-What is the French
for "king"?
- 24-Prefix—form of
"in"
- 25-Half em
- 26-To be discontented
- 28-Caused mental
irritation
- 30-Prefix. Three
- 31-Runic (abbr.)
- 32-Sprite
- 34-Where are the
Killarney Lakes?
(abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

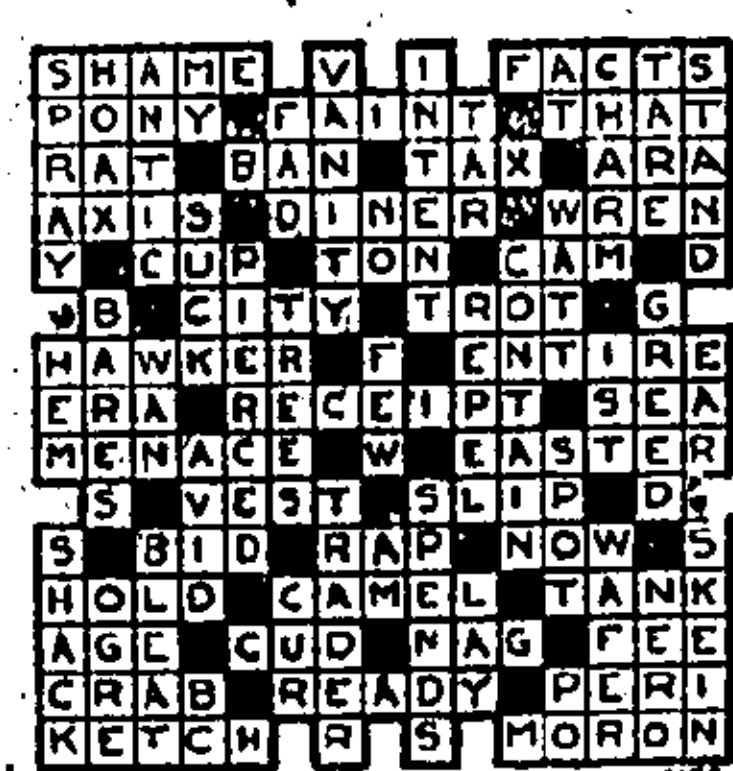
- 26-Spread by rumor or
report
- 35-A type measure
40-A day of the week
(abbr.)
- 41-A game of cards
- 42-Short round jacket
- 46-A well-known wild
flower
- 49-An assault
- 50-To release
- 51-To allot by measure
- 52-Golf term (pl.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-What islands did the
U. S. purchase
from Denmark in
1917?
- 19-What volcanic
group of islands is
N. of Sicily, Italy?
- 20-Which one of his
officers did
Alexander the
Great kill at a
banquet?
- 21-Required
- 27-Suffix, used to form
noun of agency
- 28-North East section
of U. S. (abbr.)
- 30-Northeast airport of
Italy
- 33-What is a segment
of the rim of a
wooden wheel
called?
- 34-Who was the Greek
god of peace?
- 36-Possessive pronoun
- 37-A shade tree
- 38-What is the
American form of
the silk?
- 40-Out of
- 42-Is indebted for
- 44-To tip, as a waiter
for "hard"
- 45-What is the Latin
for "hard"?
- 47-Short for "Alberic"
- 48-Plot of ground

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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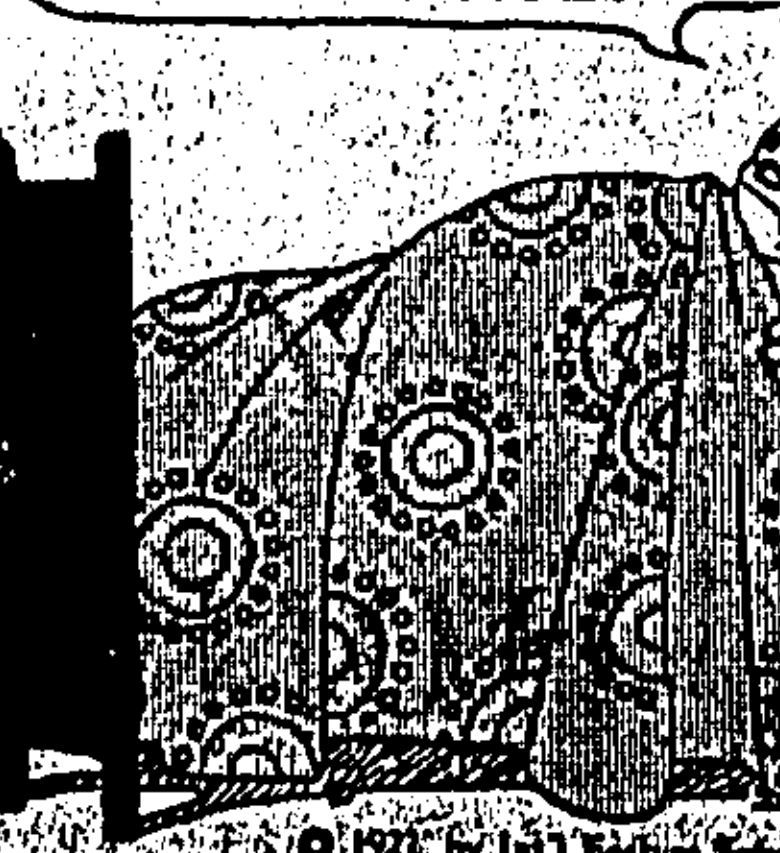
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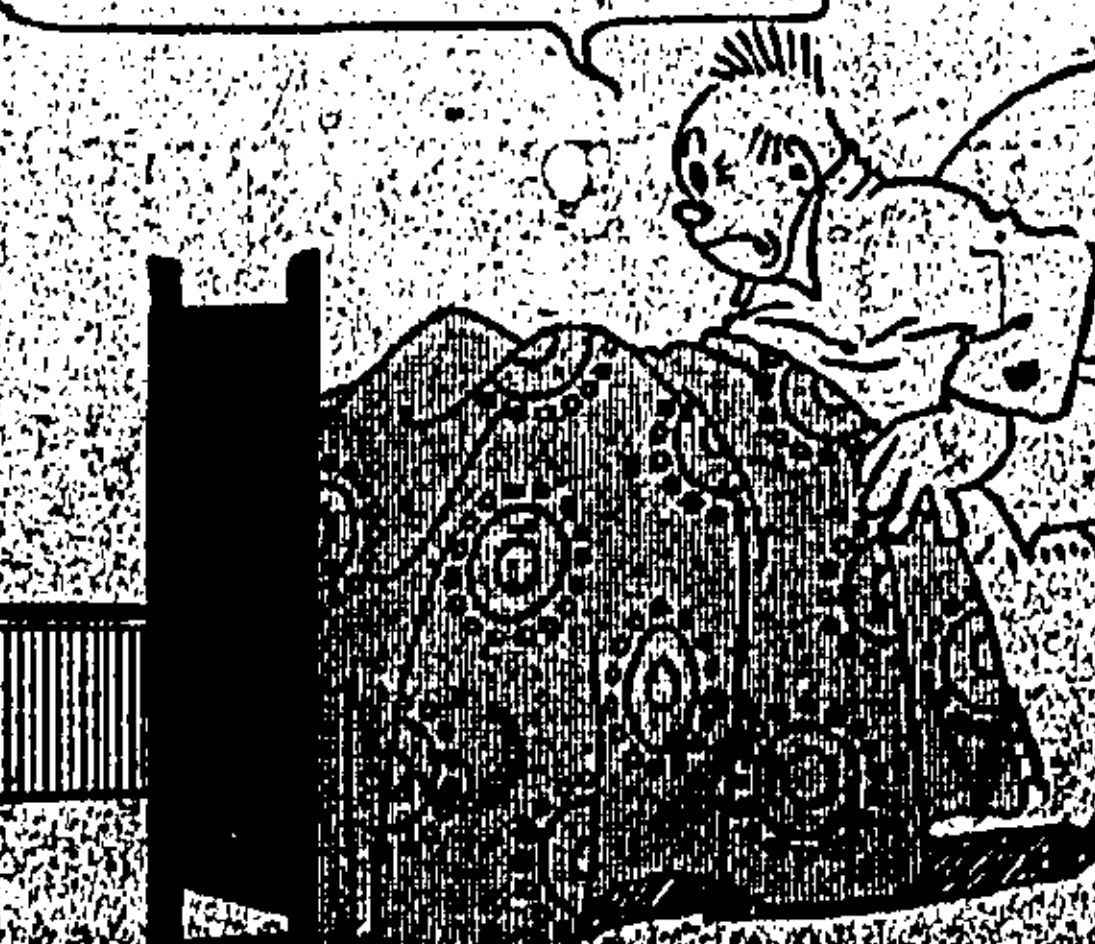
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ARMISTICE DAY PARADE.

[The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant.]

Corps Drill Parade.

A Corps Drill Parade for the benefit of those trained men wishing to pass drill tests Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, for the training year, 1927, 1928, will take place on Friday, October 28, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order, uniform.

Armistice Day Parade.

The Scottish Company have been selected to represent the Corps at the celebrations at the Cenotaph on Friday, November 11, 1927. Full instructions will be issued direct to O.C. Scottish Company.

Musketry.

The Infantry Company will fire Part II. at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, October 30, 1927.

All those who have not fired Part II. must attend on that date. Range Officer: Lieut. A. H. Penn.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, October 28, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., on 6 and 8 p.m., and on Saturday, October 29, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Artillery Co.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, November 3, at 5.25 p.m., for Battery Drill, Laying and Director.

Signal Section as per programme.

Engineer Co.

Signal Section: There will be a lecture on Signal Procedure at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, October 31, at Corps Headquarters.

Thursday, November 3: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

Mounted Infantry.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1. Dress: Mufti.

Armoured Car Co.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, October 28. Dress: Uniform with hosetops and helmets, belt, rifle and sidearms. Rifles must be drawn before the parade and cleaned ready for inspection at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, October 31, 1927, Armoured Car Crew A and B Sub-sections parade at 5.15 p.m. at Corps Headquarters and proceed to Kennedy Road Range for firing Machine-guns.

Motor Cyclists parade under 2-Lieut. Hancock at 5.30 p.m. for special Machine-gun Class.

A Field Day will be held on Sunday, November 13. All members of the Company are asked to keep this date open.

M.I. and A.C. Co.

Musketry Part II. will be fired on Sunday, November 6, at Stonecutters Range. Range Officer: Lt. J. Norrie-Owen.

This is the last opportunity for members of the above Companies who have not fired Part II. to attend.

Infantry Co.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 3.

Friday, October 28, at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of training in Vickers Gun.

No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, November 1, at 5.30 p.m. for Machine-gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti, rifles bayonet will not be required.

No. 2 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1. Dress: Mufti, rifle, bayonet and belt.

No. 4 Platoon.

There will be a lecture on Signal Procedure at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, October 31, in the Lecture Room.

Thursday, November 3: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

Scottish Co.

Thursday, November 3, at 5.30 p.m.: All Platoons for Vickers Gun Instruction at Platoon Headquarters. Full strength parade from now on are essential to complete programme of work prior to camp.

Portuguese Co.

Trained Men who have not passed Drill Tests 1 to 4 parade with Corps on Friday, October 28.

All other men parade with Company at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, October 28, for Lewis Gun Instruction and Drill.

Dress: mufti, belt and bayonet frog.



CHILD WELFARE IN INDIA.

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Promotion.
No. 385 Lca. Corpl. D. Lyon, No. 7 Platoon, is promoted to Corporal, as from October 19, 1927.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—
Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff, A.C. Co., from November 15, 1927, to November 14, 1928.

No. 885 Corpl. Ho Leung, A.C. Co., from October 26, to November 21, 1927.

No. 887 Pte. Ho Ki, A.C. Co., from October 25, to November 24, 1927.

No. 1204 Pte. D. Bautista, No. 4 Platoon, from November 5, 1927, to May 4, 1928.

No. 702 Lca. Sergt. E. J. J. Spradbery, A.C. Co., rejoined from leave on October 24, 1927.

No. 387 Spr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipper, Engineer Co., rejoined from leave on October 23, 1927.

Struck Off The Strength.

The following having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from October 1, 1927:—

No. 640 Gnr. D. B. Bone, Artillery Co., on Medical grounds, as from October 19, 1927.

No. 1224 Drm. B. M. Vieira, Portuguese Band.

NOTICES.

1.—Sports Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Sports Committee on Friday, October 28, at 6.30 p.m., and also on Tuesday, November 1, 1927, at 6 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters.

2.—Scottish Company.

Company Sports for "Koo Cheong" Cup will be held on Saturday, October 29, at the ground of the Kowloon British School, King's Park, Kowloon, commencing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

Hallowe'en Dinner and Concert: Uniform or mufti is optional, but it is hoped that all members of the Company attending will do so in uniform.

Dress: Tunic, belt, glengarry, kilt, sporran, diced hose, flashes, and spats.

Reel Club: Seventh practice will take place at the Helena May institute at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 1927.

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Shanghai	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28	Stanley
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th Nov. K.P.O.—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (29th Oct.) 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (29th Oct.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	Kashmir.
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Amoy	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	Anhui
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & San Francisco—due San Francisco 25th Nov. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Tenyo Maru.
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Swatow	MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Hydrangea
Manila	MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Fres. Jefferson
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Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Hai Ching
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 21st Nov. & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.45 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Pres. McKinley.
Swatow	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Kwongsang
Manila	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Empress of Asia
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 29th Nov. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (3rd Nov.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	Proteus.
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	Hai Hong

*Correspondence-bearing vessel's name only.

DISLIKE TAXATION.

Cause of Solomons Outbreak.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

How District Commissioner Was Murdered.

Suva, Yesterday. Particulars of the massacre in Malaita Island show that District Commissioner Bell, accompanied by Cadet Officer Lille and a number of constables were collecting the native tax at Sinarango, which is 5/- per head annually for males, between the ages of 16 and 60.

Bell was suddenly struck on the head with the barrel of an old Snyder rifle and killed outright, whereupon between two and three hundred natives, armed with axes, knives, bows and arrows, attacked the Government party, who overwhelmed despite their gallant defence.

The wounded constables who escaped state that Bell had been previously warned that he and his party would be killed when they arrived at Sinarango to collect the tax.

It is believed that three of the assailants were killed and that several were wounded and carried off.

The Government forces have arrived at Sinarango, where a base has been established for a seven hours' journey into the interior. Heavy rains impede its progress in the mountainous and dense bush.—Reuter.

U. S. A. INDUSTRY.

SEASONAL INCREASE ABSENT.

COMMODITY PRICES ADVANCE.

New York, Yesterday. Federal Reserve Board states that industrial trade activity has increased less in September than is seasonably usual and continued to be in smaller volume than a year ago. Iron and steel output in September was the smallest in any month since 1925. There were also decreases in the production of non-ferrous metals motor cars and rubber tyres. The textile shoe and leather industries continued active and wholesale commodity prices advanced in September for the fourth consecutive month.—Reuter's American Service.

FRANCE AND U. S. A.

PROGRESS OF TARIFF DISPUTE.

Paris, Yesterday. As a result of the latest exchange of Franco-American Notes on the subject of Tariffs, M. Bokanowski has announced that a definite agreement is in sight and that a step forward has been taken by the establishment of a provincial regime governing the commercial relations during the period of negotiations necessary to adjust certain details whereby France concedes to the United States the same duties as she enjoyed before the signing of the Franco-German Commercial Treaty except in the event of the minimum Customs Tariff conceded to Germany being higher than such duties.—Reuter.

U. S. A. COTTON.

GROWERS BENEFIT FROM MARKET PRICES.

New York, Yesterday. The Secretary of Agriculture, reviewing the cotton crop, said that growers could realize \$200,000,000 more from this year's crop than from last year. The statement has resulted in cotton market prices advancing from 50 to 60 points.—Reuter's American Service.

DISOBEYING ORDERS.

ESTHONIAN TRIAL AT REVAL.

Reval, Yesterday. The trial has opened of M. Birk, the ex-Esthonian Minister to Russia, who is charged with disobeying orders of the Government by publishing in the interests of a foreign state secrets concerning the Esthonian Cabinet. The chief of staff and the present minister at Moscow are the chief witnesses.—Reuter.

WORLD PEACE.

Sir A. Chamberlain's Address.

PROTECTING THE LEAGUE.

No Vital Differences Between Larger & Smaller Powers.

London, Yesterday. Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, spoke on world peace at a luncheon given in his honour by the Aldwych Club. The Diplomatic Corps was strongly represented.

Sir Chamberlain said the recent meeting of the League of Nations had attracted in this country for reasons which one could well understand more attention than had usually been attracted by meetings of that assembly. Undoubtedly failure of the three Power naval conference had caused the proceedings of the recent assembly to be viewed with a certain amount of anxiety and additional interest. He had recently read speeches that would lead him almost to suppose that what passed at the meetings of the assembly was unparalleled, and that there was some kind of revolt of the smaller Powers against the greater to a degree of friction and of difficulties unknown and unlike anything which had occurred at any of the assemblies which preceded it.

Encouraging.

For himself, the latest assembly seemed very much alike in character to its predecessors. The results of its discussions were distinctly encouraging to those who wished the League to do its work. On this occasion the nations assembled at Geneva had exercised greater freedom in discussing those questions which affected them and that was due not to the fact that the situation was more dangerous, but that representatives of assembled nations were encouraged by the spirit which now prevailed to bring into the light of day the discussion of questions which in more delicate and dangerous moments had been reserved for secret conference.

"The chief result of these discussions," continued Sir A. Chamberlain, is that they have served to concentrate attention more closely on the practical aspects of problems which confront us in the present day and to bring us back from vague phrases and expansive aspirations to deal with those problems patiently, and fulfil those steps which are immediately practicable and reasonable. It would be foolish of me to pretend that the expression of British policy was popular in all countries. We should be foolish to expect unqualified popularity for our policy, and what we must do is to preserve that respect which the British policy has always earned in the eyes of the world.

Viscount Cecil.

"There have been some criticism of that policy, especially amongst speakers at home. There is one danger which I hope all men of all parties will seek to avoid. I hope none will desire to make the League of Nations become the subject of party controversy. I hold it to be the duty of every Foreign Secretary to preserve within the measure of what is possible the national policy which, whatever and whenever a change of government may come, will be still a policy which can be pursued with continuity, for upon continuity the success of our diplomacy depends."

Referring to the resignation from the Cabinet of Viscount Cecil, Sir A. Chamberlain said he was not quite sure whether differences between himself and Viscount Cecil on league questions consisted. "But if I understand Viscount Cecil, he would be willing to run risks and undertake obligations which it seems to me the trustees of this Empire have neither the right to undertake nor the power to fulfil."—British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 1/11 18/16

B. WEST AFRICA.

Sierra Leone Now A Healthy Spot.

NO YELLOW FEVER.

Improvements In Health Standards Of Europeans.

London, Yesterday. In 1926 only two officials died of Yellow fever in the whole of British West Africa. In Sierra Leone, the so-called "white man's grave," out of 246 European officials, only one died during the year, and he did not die of yellow fever. There had been no case of yellow fever among European officials reported since January 1 this year in the whole of British West Africa.

These striking facts are contained in a report issued by the Colonial Office on the continued improvement in the general standard of health among European Government officials in West Africa. The report states that the average number of European officials employed during 1926 was 3,577. Of these 31 died, 105 were pensioned, 49 on the ground of ill-health, and 29 were invalided out of the service. The death rate was 8.6 per 1,000, compared with 12.1 in 1925. During the 24 years for which exact statistics have been kept, the average length of service has steadily risen till now in the case of officers who have been pensioned on account of ill-health or invalided out of the service it is actually 10 years and three months.

A comparison with 20 years ago is highly significant. In 1906, out of an average number of 1,553 European officials, 31 died after an average service of 8 years and ten months, the death rate being 21.2 per thousand, while the invaliding rate was 61.1 per 1,000, after an average length of service of only two years and four months.—British Wireless Service.

THE LOST LINER.

CAUSE OF DISASTER UNCERTAIN.

Rugby, Yesterday. Doubt still exists as to the actual number of missing in the Italian liner "Principessa Mafalda" disaster. Latest estimates vary between 34 and 84, but authentic information is unlikely to be available before the ships carrying survivors reach port and the names of the saved are checked with the records. It is expected all these ships will report either at Rio or Bahia during to-day.

The cause of the disaster still seems uncertain. The insurance. The "Principessa Mafalda" is stated to have been insured to the value of about £31,000 on the London marine insurance market, the risk coming on assurance of Italian underwriters. In addition, insurances on cargo are also placed in London for a considerable amount. There are also policies covering the shipowners' liability which includes statutory liability for loss of life at sea.

Graphic Details. Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday. Most of the survivors of the "Mafalda" are still at sea and details of the disaster are still obscure. The crew of the rescuing ship, "Mosella," describe the grim struggles of the shipwrecked in shark-infested waters at least one swimmer was drowned.

The electric light failed immediately after the explosion and the groans of the injured and dying were terrible to hear, while the walls of women praying aloud to the Madonna, clutching their babies to their breasts, filled the darkness with clamour.

The panic-stricken passengers jumped overboard. Survivors and the crew of the "Mosella" loudly praise Captain Gull and the wireless man who stuck to their posts to the last. It is believed to be drowned. Captain Gull was standing on the bridge as the vessel heeled right over waving farewell. One of the rescue ships tied alongside the "Mafalda" but the slope of the doomed vessel became too pronounced and hawsers were hurriedly parted lest the sinking ship should drag under the other.—Reuter's American Service.

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